Ethics in Practice

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Outline

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• Ethics
• Rules of Professional Conduct
• Case History
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## Most Trusted Professions

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“*Engineering is indeed a noble sport, and the legacy of good engineers is a better physical works for those who follow them.*” - Ralph B. Peck, PhD, PE
moral principles that govern a person's or group's behavior
The minimum ethical requirements for licensees
• (b) The Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor shall conduct the practice in order to **protect the public health, safety and welfare.**

• (c) The Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor shall perform services **only in areas of the registrant's competence**

• (d) The Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor shall issue **public statements only in an objective and truthful manner**
The Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor shall avoid conflicts of interest.

(f) The Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor shall solicit or accept work only on the basis of qualifications.

(g) The Professional Engineer and Professional Land Surveyor shall perform services in an ethical and lawful manner.
Largest Fraud Case in NC

The North Carolina State Bar provided copies of 54 letters bearing your Professional Engineer’s certification it received from ...Bank and two surveys recorded in ...County bearing your Professional Land Surveyor’s certification....
I only Sign for GOD
The Computer Told Me
The Unofficial Opinion
Case Stories

The $250 Job
1. Accept Straight Forward Work;
2. Use a Written Agreement to Solidify the Scope of Work;
3. Deal with Reputable Clients;
4. Keep Current with Board Rules and Interpretations;
5. Review Board Disciplinary Cases;
6. Use Peer Review;
7. Call the Board with Questions or for Reference and Interpretation;
8. Be Wary of Getting Involved with any Project that is in Litigation or likely to enter litigation;
9. Slow down;
10. If it doesn’t feel right, then don’t do it;
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