

## **TAIH ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

### **TAIH members shall:**

- Not engage in any violations of law, intentional misstatement, misrepresentation, concealment, or omission of a material fact.
- Maintain an attitude of independence and impartiality in order to ensure unbiased results.
- Ensure that current and appropriate standards and controls are utilized to conduct examinations, through completion of required continuing education.
- Ensure that techniques and methods which are known to be inaccurate and/or unreliable are not utilized.
- Treat all information from an agency or client with the confidentiality required.
- Ensure that all recordings and work notes on all examinations and results are appropriately preserved and secured.
- Ensure that a full and complete disclosure of all recordings and relevant information is made to the requesting agency or client to the extent permitted by law or regulation.
- Render opinions and conclusions as to the hypnotic susceptibility and responses in accordance with the evidence in the case (hypothetical or real) and only to the extent justified by that articulable evidence.
- Consent to interviews with counsel for both sides prior to trial, if requested and legally appropriate.
- Testify in a clear, straight forward manner, refusing to extend beyond the level of competence, and phrasing testimony in such a manner as to avoid misinterpretation of results.
- Not exaggerate, embellish, or otherwise misrepresent qualifications when testifying.
- Report to the Board and/or the appropriate legal authority an intentional misstatement, misrepresentation, concealment, omission of a material fact, violation of these guidelines for professional conduct, apparent ethical violation, or apparent violation of law by a member or practicing non-member.

### **Sanctions for Violations of the Ethical Guidelines for Professional Conduct:**

A finding by the TAIH Board of Directors that a member has violated the ethical guidelines set forth above may result in a written notification to the individual responsible for the suspected violation, expulsion from the organization, and/or referral of all information to the appropriate legal authority and/or the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). Sanctions shall be given members involved only after they are provided an opportunity to defend themselves, unless apparent violations are of such an egregious nature as to warrant immediate notification of the appropriate legal authority and/or TCOLE.