

“NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BAIL BOND INVESTIGATORS”

MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the members of the National Association of Bail Bond Investigators is to help the American criminal justice system ensure justice is achieved by following the United States Constitution, the Constitutions of the individual States, and all local, state and federal laws, to bring back to the jurisdiction of the Court, those that have fled to avoid prosecution while free on private bail bond.

Our members pledge to complete their tasks in a legal, humane and ethical way with the utmost regard to the safety of the public, the investigator and the defendant. This will be accomplished by each member adhering to the highest standard of education, training and following the Code of Ethics of the Association.

NABBI Code of Ethics

Section 1 RELATIONS WITH THE BAIL AGENT

Article 1

To ensure the highest level of professional conduct, expertise, and ethics, the bail bond investigator should endeavor constantly to be informed regarding current laws, proposed legislation, governmental orders or regulations, and other significant information and public policies which may affect the interests of the investigator and the bondsman.

Article 2

The bail bond investigator should make constant practice of full and complete disclosure to the bondsman of any and all possible costs and liabilities which may arise from their involvement in investigating, apprehension and returning to custody of the bail bond fugitive.

Article 3

Every bail bond investigator should comply in full with the laws and regulations governing the investigation, apprehension and surrender of a bail bond fugitive in each state that the investigation takes place in.

Article 4

The highest moral and ethical practice should be maintained at all times.

Section 2

RELATIONS WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Article 5

The bail bond investigator should keep informed as to the movements affecting the criminal justice system in the community, state and the nation, so that s/he may be able to constructively contribute to public thinking on matters of legislation, expenditures, public safety, and other questions dealing with the welfare of the general public. The safety of the general public should be the number one priority of the bail bond investigator.

Article 6

It is the paramount duty of the bail bond investigator to protect the general public against misrepresentations or unethical business practices in the bail industry. Investigators should endeavor to eliminate in their community, any practices which could be damaging to the public or to the dignity and integrity of the bail industry. The bail bond investigator should assist any regulatory agency or business practices review board charged with regulating the practices of members of the industry.

Section 3

RELATIONS WITH THE COURTS, ATTORNEYS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Article 7

In order to improve the image and working relationship between the bail bond investigator and the other members of the criminal justice system, the bail bond investigator must present a professional image and attitude at all times when in the presence of the court, attorneys and law enforcement.

The knowledge of the law by the bail bond investigator should not be used in a way to embarrass or disrespect any other member of the criminal justice system. It should be used to inform and educate.

Article 8

The bail bond investigator should develop relationships with other members of the criminal justice system that are legal and ethical, to work with and assist each other in ensuring that those defendants that have failed to appear on a private bail bond are returned to the jurisdiction of the court.

Article 9

The bail bond investigator should make great efforts to verify and confirm any information which s/he may give to a court, law enforcement agency, or any other public agency, and a failure to do so, or an intentional misrepresentation of a fact to any one of the entities must be construed as a breach of the fundamental relationship of trust between the investigator and the governmental sector.

Section 4
RELATIONS WITH FELLOW BAIL BOND INVESTIGATORS

Article 10

The bail bond investigator shall not conspire with other bail investigators to regulate rates or restrict trade within the profession.

Article 11

The bail bond investigator should so conduct business as to avoid controversies and conflicts with fellow bail investigators, and should not voluntarily disparage the business practice of a competitor, nor volunteer an opinion of a competitor's actions. If a bail bond investigators' opinion is sought, it should be rendered with strict professional integrity and courtesy.

Article 12

The bail bond investigator should seek no unfair advantage over fellow bail investigators, and should willingly share with them the lessons of experience and study. The bail investigator should also inform fellow investigators of established hazards involving a prospective bail bondsman client if such hazards truly exist.

Article 13

The bail bond investigator should constantly strive for the highest degree of training, education and professionalism attainable, and this should be expected and demanded from all bail bond investigators by all those persons involved in the bail bond recovery profession, regardless of position.

Article 14

The bail bond investigator should make extensive effort to support, contribute to, and participate in local, statewide bail bond investigator associations whose goals are to preserve and enhance the integrity, quality and honor of the bail bond industry.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The articles of this Code of Ethics are combined to guarantee high integrity and dignified professionalism from those who adhere to the principles of business and moral conduct outlined within. No inducement of profit and not instructions from the bail bondsman or outside parties can ever justify departure from these principles or from the injunction of this Code of Ethics.