



# COMPUTER FORENSICS INSTITUTE NIGERIA (CFIN)

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## CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

### Intent of the Code of Ethics:

A Code of Ethics is necessary for the protection of the certification process, the individual certificant and finally the client consumer.

Possible violations of the CFIN Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility will be taken very seriously and will be vigorously pursued.

Applicants for the Chartered Computer Examiner Certification:

There are high ethical standards for all Chartered Computer Examiner applicants. All work to complete the Chartered Computer Examiner process must be done solely by the individual applicant. Chartered Computer Examiner applicants may not corroborate, work jointly, cheat or plagiarize others work to complete the Chartered Computer Examiner process. Merely setting up or belonging to groups, workgroups, chatrooms, listservers, etc. that discuss the Chartered Computer Examiner problems, grades, scores, the grading system or any issues in the Chartered Computer Examiner process that may assist in the completion of the Chartered Computer Examiner process, will be considered a violation of this code. Any violation will result in the immediate removal from the process, revocation of any certification received and the forfeiture of any fee paid.

A Chartered Computer Examiner will at all times:

- \* Demonstrate commitment and diligence in performance of assigned duties.
- \* Demonstrate integrity in completing professional assignments.
- \* Maintain the utmost objectivity in all forensic examinations and accurately present findings.
- \* Conduct examinations based on established, validated principles.
- \* Abide by the highest moral and ethical standards and obey the by-laws of the CFIN.
- \* When conducting examinations, obtain evidence or other documentation that will establish a reasonable basis for any opinion rendered.
- \* Testify truthfully in all matters before any board, court or proceeding.
- \* Avoid any action that would appear to be a conflict of interest.
- \* Comply with all legal orders of the courts.
- \* Strive to maintain professionalism in assigned duties.
- \* Thoroughly examine all evidence in a case unless the scope of the examination is limited by court order or other mandate. A Chartered Computer Examiner will never:
  - \* Withhold any evidence that would tend to distort the truth.

- \* Reveal any confidential matters or knowledge learned in an examination without an order from a court of competent jurisdiction or with the express permission of the client.
- \* Express an opinion on the guilt or innocence of any party.
- \* Engage in any unethical or illegal conduct.
- \* Knowingly undertake an assignment beyond his/her skills.
- \* Misrepresent training, credentials or Association membership.
- \* Show bias or prejudice in findings or examinations.
- \* Exceed authorization in conducting examinations.

Applicants or Chartered Computer Examiner certificants who become aware of any violation of the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility must report such violation to the CFIN.

Source: Adapted from the Code of Ethics & Professional Responsibility of the International Society of Forensic Computer Examiners

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I have read, understand and agree to abide by the CFIN Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility. I understand and agree that a violation of any provision of this Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility could cause the suspension or forfeiture of the CFIN certification or other disciplinary action as decided by the CFIN Certification Committee.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_