



The South African Medico-Legal Association

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A. Preamble

SAMLA Honorary Members are persons who are acknowledged because of their pre-eminence in the field of medico-legal practice through their own contributions to the science or their application in furthering and advancing the medico-legal practice in some other way. While it is acknowledged that Honorary Members by virtue of the honour bestowed on them, possess virtues of honesty and trust, that notwithstanding, Honorary Members should still subscribe to a Code of Conduct ordained by the Association in terms of its corporate governance policy.



B. Purpose of the Code

The purpose of this Code is to set forth guidelines for the ethical conduct of all Honorary Members of SAMLA. The principles of this Code are expressed in broad terms in order to provide a framework of reference to Honorary Members when discharging their duties and responsibilities. The Code aims to outline the minimum ethical standards of behaviour that Honorary Members shall adhere to, including upholding propriety, integrity, and ethical values in their conduct.

C. Conduct of Honorary Members

1. Honorary Members are expected to conduct themselves in the following respects:
 - 1.1 Display selflessness in promoting the interests of the Association without regard to personal financial or other material benefits for themselves, their immediate family or their friends;
 - 1.2 Act with the utmost integrity and avoid any conduct where this creates a conflict or potential conflict of interest with his or her role as a Member;
 - 1.3 Always act with great objectivity when carrying out any functions to promote the business of the Association;
 - 1.4 Maintain openness and transparency in all decisions and actions affecting the Association;
 - 1.5 Absolute honesty is expected of Honorary Members in any dealings which they have, and so prevent bringing the Association in disrepute;
 - 1.6 Through their exemplary leadership, promote and support ethical conduct.
 - 1.7 Adhering to the Constitution of South Africa and the provisions of the Association's Memorandum of Incorporation, in:
 - 1.7.1 demonstrating enthusiasm and devotion in serving the interests of the Association whenever a member commits to deliver support to the Board of Directors, EXCO or members;
 - 1.7.2 displaying a great degree of transparency, credibility and fairness when building and promoting respect for our diversity and transformation;



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1.7.3 respecting our natural heritage, our brand, our policies and standards, and our relationships with others;

1.7.4 continuing to play an ambassadorial role in promoting the goodwill of the Association.

D. Disciplinary Action

1. Honorary Members are not exempt from disciplinary inquiries where their conduct so warrants.
2. Honorary Members may be required to answer inquiries from the Association concerning their conduct where the situation so warrants. Failure to respond within 21 days may lead to suspension and withdrawal of the Honorary Membership.
3. Where an Honorary Member after a fair inquiry is conducted and his or her Membership is suspended and withdrawn, the Member may appeal against such sanction of the disciplinary committee to an Appeals Committee, appointed.

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Capacity:

National Chairperson