Rules of
Department of Commerce and
Insurance
Division 2145—Missouri Board of Geologist Registration
Chapter 4—Code of Professional Conduct

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PURPOSE: This rule defines the expectations and requirements for practicing geology as a registered geologist or geologist-registrant in-training.

(1) Registrants shall uphold the public health, safety, and welfare in the performance of professional services; avoid the appearance of impropriety; provide competent services according to overall professional and ethical obligations; and shall not give a professional opinion or submit a report without being thoroughly informed as might be reasonably expected, considering the purpose for which the opinion or report is requested.

(2) Registrants shall not knowingly participate in any illegal activities, or knowingly permit the publication of reports, maps, or other documents for any illegal purpose.

(3) A registrant shall not offer or make any illegal payment, gift, or other valuable consideration to a public official or accept any payment, gift, or other valuable consideration which would appear to influence a decision made on by the registrant acting in a position of public trust. A registrant acting in a position of public trust shall exercise his/her authority impartially, and shall not seek to use his/her authority for personal profit or to secure any competitive advantage.

(4) A registrant shall disclose to a perspective employer or client the existence of any owned or controlled mineral or other interest which may, whether directly or indirectly, have a pertinent bearing on such employment. A registrant having or expecting to have a beneficial interest in a property on which the registrant reports shall state in the report the fact of the existence of such interest or expected interest.

(5) A registrant shall be accurate, truthful, and candid in all communications and shall not issue a false statement or false information which the registrant knows to be false or misleading, even though directed to do so by an employer, client or colleague.

(6) A registrant shall not knowingly engage in false or deceptive advertising, make false, misleading, or deceptive representations or claims in regard to the profession of geology or which concerns their professional qualifications or abilities or those of others or the client.

(7) A registrant shall not accept referral fees from any person to whom an employer or client is referred; however nothing herein shall prohibit a registrant from being compensated by the employer or client for consultation, or for other services actually performed.

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(9) A registrant shall not use, directly or indirectly, any confidential information obtained from or in the course of performing services for an employer or client in any way which is adverse or detrimental to the interests of the
employer or client, except with the prior consent of the employer or client or when disclosure is required by law.

(10) A registrant who has made an investigation for an employer or client shall not seek to profit economically from the information gained without written permission of employer or client, unless it is clear that there can no longer be a conflict of interest with the original employer or client.

(11) A registrant shall engage, or advise an employer or client to engage, and cooperate with other experts and specialists whenever it is in the best interest of the employer or client.

(12) A registrant shall provide services to an employer or client in a diligent and timely manner.


*Original authority 1994.

20 CSR 2145-4.040 Obligations to Professional Colleagues and the Profession

PURPOSE: This rule defines the expectations and requirements for practicing geology as a registered geologist or geologist-registrant in-training.

(1) A registrant shall respect the rights, interests, professional status and contributions of professional colleagues.

(2) A registrant shall give due credit for work done by others in the course of a professional assignment, and shall not knowingly accept credit due another and shall not plagiarize another in oral and written communications or by using materials prepared by others without appropriate attribution.

(3) A registrant shall continually strive to improve the profession of geology, to include their knowledge and skills, and encourage dissemination of geologic knowledge.

(4) A registrant having knowledge of a violation of Chapter 256, RSMo, or any rule promulgated thereunder shall contact and shall supply the board with all available specifics and documentation of the violation.


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