



Expert Witness Affirmation

As a member of the medical profession and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, I affirm my duty, when giving evidence or testifying as an expert witness, to do so solely in accordance with the merits of the case. Furthermore, I declare that I will uphold the following professional principles in providing expert evidence or expert witness testimony.

- 1) *I will always be truthful.*
- 2) *I will conduct a thorough, fair and impartial review of the facts and the medical care provided, not excluding any relevant information and will testify as to their content fairly, honestly and impartially.*
- 3) *I will provide evidence or testify only in matters in which I have recent and substantive clinical experience and knowledge in the areas of medicine which are the subject of the proceeding.*
- 4) *I will evaluate the medical care provided in light of generally accepted standards, with which I will be familiar, neither condemning performance that falls within generally accepted practice standards nor endorsing or condoning performance that falls below these standards.*
- 5) *I will provide evidence or testimony that is complete, objective, scientifically based, and helpful to a just resolution of the proceeding.*
- 6) *I will make a clear distinction between a departure from accepted practice standards and an untoward outcome.*
- 7) *I will determine whether there is a causal relationship between the alleged substandard practice and the medical outcome.*
- 8) *I will make a clear distinction between my personal opinion and accepted practice standards.*
- 9) *I will submit my testimony to peer review, if requested by a professional organization to which I belong.*
- 10) *I will not accept compensation that is contingent upon the outcome of the litigation.*

Name: _____

Signature: _____

American Board of Plastic Surgery Certification Date: _____