



# NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FORENSIC SCIENCE



## **Directive Recommendation: National Code of Professional Responsibility for Forensic Science and Forensic Medicine Service Providers**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** The US Attorney General should direct the forensic science and forensic medicine service providers within the Department of Justice to adopt the National Code of Professional Responsibility for Forensic Science and Forensic Medicine Service Providers<sup>1</sup>, that the Code be annually reviewed and signed by all forensic science and forensic medicine service providers, and that steps be defined to address violations.

### **THE CODE**

#### **The National Code of Professional Responsibility for Forensic Science and Forensic Medicine Service Providers**

16. Appropriately inform affected scientific and legal parties (either directly or through proper management channels) of breaches of ethical, legal, and scientific standards that affect a previously-issued report or testimony

### **IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

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<sup>1</sup> A forensic science service provider is defined by the NCFS as any forensic science agency or forensic science practitioner providing forensic science services. A forensic medicine service provider is any forensic medicine agency or forensic medicine practitioner providing forensic medicine services.