

PROPERTY TAX CONSULTANTS CODE OF ETHICS

Texas Revised Civil Statutes, Article 8886, requires that registrants read and submit to a code of ethics. This requirement is part of the Property Tax Consultants registration application.

Rule 66.20 (f) reads as follows:

- (f) Individuals who are registered under Texas Revised Civil Statutes, Article 8886 (the Act) shall certify that the registrant has read and submits to the code of ethics as follows:
- (1) shall not participate, whether individually, or in concert with others, in any plan, scheme, or arrangement attempting or having as its purpose the evasion of any provision of the Act or commissioner rule;
 - (2) shall not directly or indirectly or in any manner whatsoever lend his/her registration or identification to any person, firm or corporation for the purpose of evading any provision of the Act or commissioner rule;
 - (3) shall exercise reasonable care and diligence to prevent persons under his/her supervision from engaging in conduct which would violate any provision of the Act or commissioner rule;
 - (4) shall not engage in any activity that constitutes dishonesty, fraud, or gross incompetency while performing property tax consulting services;
 - (5) shall promptly report to the commissioner any known violation of the Act or commissioner rule;
 - (6) shall cooperate fully with the commissioner or staff in the investigation of an alleged violation of the Act or commissioner rule;
 - (7) shall not offer or promise anything of value with the intent of inducing a person who is performing a public duty to perform or fail to perform any act related to such public duty;
 - (8) shall not contract for or accept compensation or anything of value for services not performed;
 - (9) shall not knowingly or intentionally engage in any false or misleading conduct or advertising with respect to client solicitation;
 - (10) shall not knowingly furnish inaccurate, deceitful, or misleading information to a client or employer, prospective client or employer or to a public agency or representative of a public agency;
 - (11) shall not reveal information known to be confidential unless the release of such information is authorized by the source or required by law;
 - (12) shall not state or imply that the registrant represents a person or firm that the registrant does not in fact represent;
 - (13) shall not solicit or advertise property tax consulting services by claiming a specific result or stating a conclusion regarding such services without prior analysis of the facts and circumstances pertaining thereto.