



## **Ethical and Professional Conduct**

### **Introduction**

The CBSI<sup>SM</sup> is dedicated to the principle that Board Certified Structural Integrators<sup>CM</sup> must consistently demonstrate high standards of ethical conduct and professional practice. To that end, the CBSI has adopted the following Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct. It is based on the general ethics code of the IASI<sup>SM</sup>, and offers guidance for professional conduct with a vehicle for the assessment and appraisal of situations having ethical implications.

Agreement to follow the CBSI Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct is a requirement of certification. The CBSI Board of Directors has the responsibility and authority to investigate and, if indicated, to sanction BCSIs<sup>CM</sup> who violate this Code. It is the responsibility of each BCSI to become thoroughly familiar with the CBSI Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, and to guide their professional behavior accordingly. The most recent versions of the CBSI Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct and related CBSI Disciplinary Procedures are published and available for download under the CBSI section of [www.theiasi.net](http://www.theiasi.net). The CBSI will notify BCSIs of changes to the CBSI Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct and applicable Disciplinary Procedures; however, it is the responsibility of each certified individual to comply with the most current standards.

The CBSI Board of Directors selects and authorizes a committee of three BCSIs to serve in a voluntary capacity to evaluate all claims that a BCSI has acted in violation of this Code. The Board creates, publishes, and maintains Disciplinary Procedures detailing how this Committee will receive, evaluate, and report its findings of such claims for the Board of Directors. Decisions about sanctions, requirements for corrective actions, or decertification are the sole responsibility of the CBSI Board of Directors, and their decisions are final.

# **CBSI Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct**

Adopted by the CBSI Board of Directors on December 5th, 2019

All BCSIs have a duty to adhere to the CBSI Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. The Code requires that BCSIs are accountable for ethical and professional conduct in relationship to their clients and in relationship to the profession of Structural Integration, in particular toward their fellow BCSIs.

## **Ethical and Professional Conduct with Respect to the Client**

BCSIs are entrusted with the responsibility to create a professional environment that allows the Structural Integration client to have a rewarding and positive experience. BCSIs will:

1. Ensure client safety, protecting them from unreasonable physical and emotional risk.  
This includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. seeking the counsel of peers and other professionals whenever it is in the best interest of their clients, and always when uncertain about the condition of a client;
  - b. referring clients to qualified practitioners for services outside the practitioner's scope of practice; and
  - c. maintaining a safe and private physical environment for clients.
2. Support and empower all clients in their growth and evolutionary process with empathy, dignity and caring.
3. Never discriminate against anyone in providing Structural Integration services because of race, creed, sex, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.
4. Engage only in honest and fair business practices including but not limited to:
  - a. maintaining accurate records of financial transactions;
  - b. truthful representation of the scope of practice for which one is trained and seeking compensation; and
  - c. providing clients with clear information about fees and payment terms.
5. Ensure that all Structural Integration practice is conducted in an alcohol and drug free environment, with the exception of prescribed pharmaceutical medications.
6. Ensure that client's personal boundaries are always respected, and that power in the relationship is never abused by the practitioner. This includes but is not limited to:
  - a. never engaging in sexual relationships with clients;
  - b. never engaging in sexual or gender-related harassment of any kind; and
  - c. never creating a personally intimidating or offensive environment.
7. Ensure confidentiality of all client information unless specifically permitted in writing by the client.

## **Ethical and Professional Conduct with Respect to the Profession**

BCSIs are entrusted with the responsibility to uphold the integrity and public reputation of the Structural Integration profession, and of the professional certification they hold. BCSIs will:

1. Provide only those Structural Integration services for which they were formally trained and have proven competency; or, in the case of advanced/emerging services, those for which they are recognized by their peers as competent to provide in the scope of their practices.
2. Never make false claims about accomplishments, qualifications, education, experience, certifications, licenses, or criminal records.
3. Follow established CBSI ethics procedures to report any BCSI whose conduct has been inconsistent with this ethics code; and to cooperate fully with any investigation of complaints, whether the BCSI is the complainant or the subject of the complaint, notwithstanding whether the complaint is made by a client or another professional.
4. Comply with all national, regional and local criminal codes. No BCSI may have a felony criminal history. Any felony conviction resulting from entering a guilty plea, being found guilty by jury or judge or entering a no contest plea must be reported to the CBSI and will result in immediate revocation of certification.