

# CRIMINAL DEFENSE INVESTIGATION TRAINING COUNCIL

## Membership Application

Board Certification Application Fee: \$ 175.00  
Annual Dues: \$ 50.00 – Associate Member  
                  \$ 50.00 – Board Certified Member  
Member Type: ( ) Associate, ( ) Board Certified

Submit Check or Money Order to;  
CDITC 416 SE Balboa Ave, Suite 2  
Stuart, Florida 34994 - 1-800-465-5233

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

License Held: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been qualified as an expert by the court? \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_

Certifications/Special Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience/Criminal Defense: (Attach a profile or curriculum vitae if necessary)

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is true and correct and that I will maintain the highest level of integrity. I further understand that my membership can be terminated upon a finding of fact by the Advisory Board regarding any and all unethical behavior or actions inconsistent with the philosophy of the Council. A formal finding or conviction of perjury or false reporting being the basis for an immediate dismissal.

# **CRIMINAL DEFENSE INVESTIGATION TRAINING COUNCIL CODE OF ETHICS**

## **PREAMBLE**

The fundamental philosophical assumption upon which all CDITC policies are predicated is that the criminal defense investigator must be an impartial and objective seeker of truth. The investigator is an independent critical and creative thinker with a unique analytical role in the criminal justice system. He is not a law enforcement officer, lawyer, or paralegal. Thus he does not function as an advocate on behalf of any party or interest in any case for which he is responsible. The criminal defense investigator must critically evaluate information without pre-established opinions, assumptions, or biases regarding any issue of fact or theory in any case for which he is responsible.

The criminal defense investigator's commitment to objective, impartial analysis in the search for absolute truth requires, paradoxically, an acknowledgement of his own epistemological relativity, which yields only subjective and partial answers to the questions he asks. In fact, it is the awareness of his own subjective intellectual pre-dispositions that ultimately enables the investigator to become open-minded and objective in his thinking. Knowledge, to be legitimized, must be criticized. Truth, to be believed, must first be doubted.

The intellectual and ethical responsibility for this most rigorous standard of investigative inquiry is embodied in the CDITC imperative: "Mandamus Veritas".

## **ETHICAL IMPERATIVES**

- 1) The criminal defense investigator will adhere absolutely and unconditionally to the objective and impartial search for truth. He will abstain from involvement in any situation that subverts this professional commitment.
- 2) The criminal defense investigator will refrain from asserting, in any professional capacity, any beliefs, opinions, or biases regarding any person or situation under investigation, prior to having commenced the investigation. Nor will the investigator permit any pre-established beliefs, opinions, or biases to influence the course of an investigation to be undertaken.
- 3) The criminal defense investigator should never, as a matter of policy, claim to have attained absolute or conclusive truth regarding the scope of any investigation. As a matter of policy, investigative truths should always remain potentially open to reinterpretation as new facts or theories emerge. In principle the investigative process should remain speculative rather than dogmatic.
- 4) The criminal defense investigator will be absolutely and unconditionally honest in all reporting to clients. The investigator will make no dishonest representation of any fact, issue, or theory relating to any case for which he is responsible.
- 5) The criminal defense investigator will be truthful and open in all communication to colleagues and the public, except in so far as such communication may compromise client confidentiality
- 6) The criminal defense investigator will honor, absolutely and unconditionally the confidentiality guaranteed to every client, supervisor, or colleague.

- 7) The criminal defense investigator will not violate any law during the performance of his professional responsibilities.
- 8) The criminal defense investigator will refrain from any professional activity that jeopardizes health or safety of another person.
- 9) The criminal defense investigator will refrain from any commitment that entails any inappropriate conflict of interest.
- 10) The criminal defense investigator will not engage in the unauthorized practice of law or represent himself/herself as a law enforcement officer.

Violation of the Code of Ethics may result in sanctions, including restrictions on and/or termination of membership and/or Board Certification.

### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Two written recommendations from reputable and experienced criminal defense attorneys must be submitted to the Advisory Board on behalf of an applicant seeking Board certification. The written recommendations must be on letterhead. The recommendation shall note the applicant's;

1. Reputation for ethical inquiry
2. Intellectual acuity and knowledge
3. Accomplishments and Qualifications
4. Skill level as a criminal defense investigator

Letters of recommendation may be submitted by the applicant with the completed application. Letters of recommendation are subject to verification.

### **AFFIDAVITS OF EXPERIENCE:**

Use as many affidavits as needed to cover the required number of comprehensive criminal defense cases accomplished.

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**CODE OF ETHICS AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Before me this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that as a member of the Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council and Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator, I will adhere to the highest ethical standards. I will conduct criminal defense investigation assignments as an impartial, objective, and ethical advocate of the truth. I will support fellow criminal defense investigators in the pursuit of excellence and meet all of the rigorous academic and professional challenges of the Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires

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Before me this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that I know both personally and professionally the criminal defense investigator identified as \_\_\_\_\_. He/She is currently employed by \_\_\_\_\_ and does actively engage in the discipline of criminal defense investigation. To my knowledge, \_\_\_\_\_ has been active as a criminal defense investigator for approximately \_\_\_\_\_ years. I have personal knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ successfully conducting the investigation of \_\_\_\_\_ criminal defense assignments. The assignments were comprehensive in nature and not merely single task orientated. I further attest that \_\_\_\_\_ has maintained the highest ethical and professional standards.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Making Affidavit

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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My Commission Expires