

# ETHICS/PROFESSIONALISM

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# Why Is This Important To You?

Guides your life & business.

Your good name and integrity are on the line.

Your actions reflect on the profession and others in the assessment field.

# Definition of Ethics

The discipline dealing with what is good and bad and with moral duty and obligation

A set of moral principles - a theory or system of moral values

The principles of conduct governing an individual or a group

# Definition of Ethics

A guiding philosophy

A consciousness of moral importance

A set of moral issues or aspects

~Merriam-Webster Dictionary

# Definition of Situational Ethics

A system of ethics by which acts are judged within their contexts instead of by categorical principles —called also *situational ethics*.

~Merriam-Webster Dictionary 1955

# Code of Ethics

IAAO Code of Ethics and Standards of  
Professional Conduct

<http://www.iaao.org/sitePages.cfm?Page=70>

# IAAO STATEMENT OF VALUES

Accountability to the public good;

Commitment to excellence in assessment administration beyond property tax law;

Respect for the worth and dignity of all individuals;

Promotion of inclusiveness, fairness and diversity;

Obligation to organizational transparency, integrity and honesty;

Practice of responsible stewardship of resources; and

Dedication to excellence, and maintaining the public trust.

# IAAO Canons of Duties

Canon 1 Professional Duties

Canon 2 Truthfulness

Canon 3 Conflict of Interest

Canon 4 Support of IAAO

Canon 5 Professional Duties (USPAP)

# WAAO Mission

“Our commitment is to promote assessment education by providing improved knowledge and skills in the assessment field, increasing ethical and professional standards in assessment, and encouraging a public understanding of assessment and taxation”

# Wisconsin Statutes DOR Authority

Section 73.03(1)	General Supervision
Section 73.03(3)	Proceedings & Penalize
Section 73.06(1)	Equalization Sups
Section 73.08	WPAM
Section 73.09	Certification
Section 73.09(7)	Revoke Certification
Section 73.03(2)(a)	Direct Assessors

# Wisconsin Statutes

## Chapter 19 General Duties Public Officials

Subchapter I Official Oaths & Bonds

Subchapter II Public Records & Property

Subchapter III Code of Ethics

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Phone Number and which seminar you  
wish to attend.

# Department of Justice

- Green Bay – Thursday, September 18
- Eau Claire – Friday, October 10
- Wausau – Wednesday, October 15
- Milwaukee – Tuesday, October 28
- Madison – Wednesday, October 29