

<b>Policy Name:</b>	Expert Witness Affirmation
<b>Background / Purpose:</b>	This affirmation is consistent with the Society's Code of Ethics and is intended for use by ASPS members who participate as an expert witness. Members signing this statement agree to uphold certain professional principles in providing expert testimony.
<b>Program Area or Business Line</b>	Governance
<b>Policy Sponsor (Staff Officer):</b>	Michael Costelloe, Executive Vice President
<b>Approving Body:</b>	ASPS/PSF Board of Directors
<b>Authorized Signatories:</b>	Scott Hollenbeck, MD ASPS President
<b>Effective Date of Policy:</b>	January 28, 2021 revised December 2024
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### **Expert Witness Affirmation for Compliance with ASPS Code of Ethics**

As a member of the medical profession and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, I affirm my duty, when giving evidence or testifying as an expert witness, to do so solely in accordance with the merits of the case. Furthermore, I declare that I will uphold the following professional principles in providing expert evidence or expert witness testimony.

- 1) I will always be truthful.
- 2) I will conduct a thorough, fair and impartial review of the facts and the medical care provided, not excluding any relevant information, and will testify as to their conduct fairly, honestly and impartially.
- 3) I will provide evidence or testify only in matters in which I have recent and substantive clinical experience and knowledge in the areas of medicine which are the subject of the proceeding.
- 4) I will evaluate the medical care provided in light of generally accepted standards, with which I will be familiar, neither condemning performance that falls within generally accepted practice standards nor endorsing or condoning performance that falls below these standards.
- 5) I will provide evidence or testimony that is complete, objective, scientifically based and helpful to a just resolution of the proceeding.
- 6) I will make a clear distinction between a departure from accepted practice standards and an untoward outcome.
- 7) I will determine whether there is a causal relationship between the alleged substandard practice and the medical outcome.
- 8) I will make a clear distinction between my personal opinion and accepted practice standards.
- 9) I will submit my testimony to peer review, if requested by a professional organization to which I belong.
- 10) I will not accept compensation that is contingent upon the outcome of the litigation.
- 11) I will provide evidence or testify only in matters in which I do not have a conflict of interest.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

American Board of Plastic Surgery Certification Date: \_\_\_\_\_