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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.

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

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

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