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Members of the Association of Executive Search Consultants (AESC) are guided by the following ethical principles, which reflect fundamental values of the retained executive search consulting profession. The AESC is committed to educating its members about the application of these principles.

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Professionalism conduct their activities in a manner that reflects

favorably on the profession

**Integrity** conduct their business activities with integrity and

avoid conduct that is deceptive or misleading

Competence perform all consulting assignments competently,

and with an appropriate degree of knowledge,

thoroughness and urgency

**Objectivity** exercise objective and impartial judgment in each

consulting assignment, giving due consideration to all

relevant facts

Accuracy strive to be accurate in all communications with

appropriate parties to the assignment, and encourage

them to exchange relevant and accurate information

Conflicts of Interest avoid, or resolve through disclosure and waiver,

conflicts of interest

**Confidentiality** respect confidential information entrusted to them by

appropriate parties to the assignment

**Loyalty** serve their clients loyally and protect client interests

when performing assignments

**Equal Opportunity** support equal opportunity in employment

Public Interest conduct their activities with respect for the public

interest