



D68 Ethics for the Public Administrator: An Overview for the Forensic Professional

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Attendees will become familiar with the basic ethical expectations of public administrators operating in a city or county which adheres to principles of New Public Management, a current trend in public administration today.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by offering forensic professionals an overview of ethical standards drawn from the theories of new public management (NPM). Considering the popularity of NPM theories and practices amongst city, county, and state administrators, this presentation offers a working understanding and a vocabulary for forensic practitioners that are understood by their non-scientific governmental superiors and the public at large.

Although scientific expectations can be codified and standardized for the many professions recognized by the AAFS, the day to day ethics of these professionals as public administrators are often left vague and unspoken until a crisis arises. The purpose of this presentation is to offer an overview of ethical expectations for the forensic professional. Drawn from the wealth of literature on New Public Management—a currently popular trend in government practice today—a clear, concise, and accessible set of ethical expectations for the forensic administrator to draw upon in day-to-day administrative practice is offered.

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