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1. **Honest**, competent, and ethical conduct that complies with applicable law;
2. Independent and **objective** advice and assistance based on informed analysis, prudent judgment, and diligent effort;
3. My financial **interests** taking precedence over those of the professional and the organization;
4. **Fair** treatment with respect to other clients;
5. Disclosure of any existing or potential **conflicts** of interest in providing products or services to me;
6. **Understanding** of my circumstances, so that any advice provided is suitable and based on my financial objectives and constraints;
7. Clear, accurate, complete and timely **communications** that use plain language and are presented in a format that conveys the information effectively;
8. An explanation of all **fees** and costs charged to me, and information showing these expenses to be fair and reasonable;
9. **Confidentiality** of my information;
10. Appropriate and complete **records** to support the work done on my behalf.

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