

Portrait Society of America Code of Ethics

Upon being accepted for membership in the Portrait Society of America, I do hereby voluntarily subscribe:

1. Artistic Purity.

I will be dedicated to the pursuit of excellence of aesthetics and craftsmanship in my work. Eschewing any incorporation within the final product of mechanical or chemical-photo sensitized process or surmoulage (life casting). I will practice and promote the traditional creative process of fine art portraiture.

2. Presentation.

I will endeavor to enhance and ennoble the discipline of the fine art portraiture by maintaining a dignity of manner in my behavior, the presentation of my work and in all other forms of public contact.

3. Respect and Encouragement.

I will exhibit respect for my fellow artists and their work, avoiding unjust criticisms, actions or comments designed to harm their artistic standing or work. I will willingly give of my knowledge and provide encouragement to artists individually and collectively so that the quality of fine art portraiture may continually be raised.

4. Honesty.

I will observe the highest standards of honesty in all my transactions, avoiding the use of false claims, confusing or inaccurate descriptions of the creative activity or product or misrepresentations as to the proper authorship(s) of any work.

In all matters relating to this Code I will recognize the authority of the Portrait Society of America, Inc. and agree to hold harmless the Board of Directors in any decision made on behalf of the Society.