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DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

- * Responsibilities of Engineers
 - Collegiality and Loyalty
 - **❖** Respect for Authority
 - Collective Bargaining
 - Confidentiality
 - Conflicts of Interest
 - Occupational Crime
- * Rights of Engineers
 - Professional Rights
 - Employee Rights
 - ❖ Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)
 - **❖** Discrimination





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Internal Responsibilities:

Responsibilities of an engineer towards an employer, that the Responsibilities within an organization

External Responsibilities:

Responsibilities of an engineer towards outside world, that the Responsibilities outside organization

Collegiality

- It is the tendency to support and cooperate with the colleagues
- According to NSPE, the collegiality should include following characteristics
 - 1. Engineers should not attempt to injure, unkindly or falsely directly or indirectly, the professional reputation, prospects, practice or employment of other engineers
 - 2. Engineers should not untruthfully criticize other engineer's work.
 - 3. Engineers should bring unethical or illegal practice of other engineers to the proper authority for action
- According to Craig Ihara "A kind of connectedness grounded in respect for professional expertise and in commitment to the goals and values of the profession

■ Elements of Collegiality

- 1. Respect
- 2. Commitment
- 3. Connectedness

■ Respect:

- 1. In general Means valuing one's colleague for their professional skill and their devotion to the social goods promoted by the profession
- 2. For engineering: It means affirming the worth of other engineers engaged in producing socially useful and safe products
- 3. Collegial respect Vs Friendship:
 - Collegial respect is Reciprocal like friendship
 - But not necessarily develops personal affection like friendship

■ Commitment:

- 1. Sharing devotion to the moral ideals essential in the practice of engineering
- 2. Even when there is cut-throat competition b/w engineers, there should be a feeling that all engineers share a concern for overall good to the society

■ Connectedness:

- 1. Awareness of being part of a cooperative undertaking created by sharing commitments and skill
- 2. It means the sense of utility among engineers that includes cooperation and mutual support

Why is collegiality a virtue

Collegiality should be encouraged among engineers and other



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professionals because	
☐ From the point of view of society, collegiality is the influential value to	
promote the aims of professions.	
☐ It supports personal efforts act responsibly in concert with colleagues	
☐ It strengthen ones motivation to live up to professional standards	
☐ From the point of professionals, collegiality is more valuable as many	
individuals jointly working for the goodness of the public and society	
Negative aspects of collegiality	
Collegiality may be misused and distorted.	
☐ Ex: colleagues appeal to be silent about corporate corruption	
■ It may degenerate more group of self-interest, rather than shared devotion to the	•
public	
■ Because of heavy competitions among engineers, collegiality may focus on the	
corporate goal of maximizing profit at the expense of public good	
Loyality	
The quality of being true and faithful in one's support	
■ It is more a function of attitudes, emotions and a sense of identity	
■ Senses of loyalty	
☐ Agency Loyalty	
☐ Identification Loyalty	
Agency Loyalty	
It is fulfill one's prescribed duties to an employer	1
■ The contractual duties may include particular task for which one is paid, genera	
activities of cooperating with colleagues, and following lawful authority with the	ıe
organization	
■ It concerns with the matter of actions, whatever it motives. It is motivated by	
identification with the group to which one is loyal.	
■ Example:	1 1
People may not like the job they do hate their employer, but still they wo	
perform their duty as long as they are employees. This sense of loyalty is	
agency loyalty	
Identification loyalty	
■ It is much concerned with attitudes, emotions, and a sense of personal identity a	S
it does with action	_
■ Employee should meet his moral duties to the organization willingly with perso	nal
attachment and affirmation.	
■ Some of the duties of loyal employees are,	
☐ To avoid conflicts of interest	
☐ To protect confidential information	



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☐ To admit one's error

Is loyalty obligatory(responsibility)

- Agency loyalty to employers is an obligation within proper limits
- According to john H.Fielder, identification of loyalty is obligatory, only when the two conditions are meet.

Employees must be treated fairly, they should be given their share of
benefits and burdens
Employees must see that their goals are achieved by and through a group in
which they participate
Identification loyalty is reciprocal in nature. That is employees can be
expected to be loyal to employers only when employers show strong
commitments to them

Professionalism and Loyalty

- Acting on professional *commitments* to the public is *more effective* to serve a company *than* just *following* company orders.
- Loyalty to employers may not mean obeying one's immediate supervisor.
- Professional obligations to both an employer and to the public might *strengthen* rather than contradict each other.