

# OKFDA

*Oklahoma Funeral Directors Association*

## **Sexual Harassment Policy**

### **1. Purpose**

Oklahoma Funeral Directors Association hereinafter referred to as Company is committed to providing an environment for our members, directors, officers, employees, volunteers and persons served by the Company ("Covered Persons") that is comfortable, safe and free from harassment of any kind. Any type of harassment is a violation of this policy and may be illegal.

### **2. Definition**

Harassment can take many forms. It may be, but is not limited to, the following: words, signs, jokes, pranks, intimidation, physical contact, or violence. Harassment does not have to be sexual in nature. Sexual harassment may include unwelcome sexual advances; requests for sexual favors; or other verbal or physical contact of a sexual nature when such conduct creates an intimidating environment or prevents an individual from effectively performing the duties of his or her position, or when such conduct is made a condition of employment or compensation, either implicitly or explicitly. It is not the intent of the behavior by the offender that determines if harassment has occurred but whether the behavior is welcome by the receiver.

### **3. Responsibility**

A covered person is responsible for helping keep our work environment free of harassment, including the work environment of Company's Clients with whom you have contact and all board members. If you become aware of an incident of harassment, whether by witnessing the incident or being told of it, you must report it to Executive Director, Dustin B. Pierce or a board member with whom you feel comfortable. When the Company becomes aware of harassment, it is obligated by law to take prompt and appropriate action, regardless of whether the victim wants the company to do so.

### **4. Complaint Procedure**

Any Covered Person, who believes that he or she has suffered harassment in violation of the Harassment Policy, should take the following action:

- a. If you are able to do so without conflict or danger, tell the harasser as clearly as possible that the behavior is unwelcome;
- b. If the behavior continues, advise the Executive Director, Dustin B. Pierce, the President, or the President-Elect in writing about the complaint. Clearly identify the behavior surrounding the complaint;
- c. Once the complaint has been filed the board will convene as soon as practical to review the complaint;
- d. At the review hearing, both the complaining party and the offending party can address the board. After the parties have made their case, they can no longer be a part of the review process.

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e. While the review hearing is pending, none of the board members should make any public comments about the incident(s) or either party.

f. Once the board has come to a decision on action(s), the President, President-Elect, or the Executive Director must carry out the decision of the board, and the board can release a public comment.

## **5. Confidentiality**

The Company, including all persons to whom a violation of this Harassment Policy has been reported and persons who have become aware of a complaint, must maintain confidentiality, to the extent possible given the need to investigate. All complaints shall be considered confidential to the maximum extent possible.

## **6. Retaliation**

The Company, or any director, officer, or employee may not retaliate against any victim, or witness, who reports a violation of this Harassment Policy. Any person who believes that he or she has been retaliated against should consult the Organization's Whistle-Blowing Policy or a Company official.