penalties that can include the loss of the right to practice. Such codes are the exception, however and few exist in the IT arena.

3. **Trust and Respect from the General Public:** public trust is buillt on the expectation that a professional will behave ethically. People must often depend on the integrity and good judgments of a professional to tell the truth, abstain from giving self-serving advice, and offer warnings about the potential negative side effects of their actions. Thus, adherence to a code of ethics enhances trust and respect for professionals and their profession.

4. **Evaluation Benchmark:** a code of ethics provides an evaluation benchmark that a professional can use as a means of self-assessment. Peers of the professional can also use the code for recognition or censure.

Code of Ethics of the Filipino IT Professionals[6]

1. I will promote public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Information Technology.

2. I will consider the general welfare and public welfare and public good in the performance of my work.

3. I will advertise goods or professional services in a clear and truthful manner.

4. I will comply and strictly abide by the intellectual property laws, patent laws and other related laws in respect of Information Technology.

5. I will accept the full responsibility for the work undertaken and utilize my skills with competence and professionalism.

6. I will make truthful statements on my areas of competence as well as the capabilities and qualities of my product and services

7. I will not disclose or use any confidential information obtained in course of professional duties without the consent of the parties concerned except when required by the laws.

8. I will strive to attain the highest quality in both the products and services that offer.

9. I will knowingly participate in the development of the Information Technology.

10. I will uphold and improve the IT professional's standard through continuing profession in order to enhance the IT profession.

---

[6]Philippine Computer Society (www.pcs-it.org/index.php/downloads)