

## The Faculty Code of Ethics

The Faculty of Astrological Studies requires any student who is successful in the Advanced Exam to sign the following Code of Ethics before they can be awarded their Diploma and gain the entitlement to use the letters DFAstrolS after their name. It is based on standard principles which apply to all counselling and therapy professionals, specifically adapted to an astrological setting.

### Code of Ethics

I accept without reservation the conditions set out here, and undertake to fulfil these to the best of my ability. In all my astrological work, whether professional or otherwise, I will abide by the following rules:

#### 1. Responsibility to Clients, Students and Supervisees

- i. I will be aware at all times of the influential position I hold with regard to my clients, students and supervisees and agree not to exploit the trust placed in me by them, nor to use my professional relationships with clients to further my own interests.
- ii. I agree not to enter into an intimate relationship with a client until they have ceased to be my client for astrological consultations.
- iii. I agree to refer on to a suitable professional any client whose situation I judge to be beyond my own capabilities and professional skills.
- iv. I agree to obtain the consent of my clients, students and supervisees before recording any part of a consultation or teaching session.

#### 2. Confidentiality

- i. I agree to respect strictly all confidences made to me and not to disclose any information of a personal or private nature conveyed to me during the course of my astrological work, whether as a consultant, tutor or supervisor.
- ii. I agree to obtain consent if I wish to use the details, astrological or personal, of any client or student for the purposes of writing, teaching, lecturing, research or any other situation involving third-party observation.
- iii. I agree to store, safeguard, and dispose of client, student and supervisee records in ways that maintain confidentiality and in accordance with applicable laws and professional standards.

#### 3. Professional Competence and Integrity

- i. I will strive to maintain high standards of professional competence and integrity.
- ii. I agree not to accept from current clients any gifts that might impair the integrity or efficacy of the professional client/astrologer relationship.

- iii. I agree not to give advice or diagnosis on any area outside of the recognised boundary of my training and competency, astrological or otherwise.
- iv. When undertaking any chart work, I will explain clearly to the client that unless the time and place of birth can be given with reasonable accuracy any interpretation supplied must be regarded as incomplete.
- v. In one-to-one consultations, I will make an individual and original study of each case, and will not use any form of duplication; nor will I use the writings of others without due acknowledgement.
- vi. In the course of my astrological work with clients, I will not employ any additional information or techniques that are not founded on astrological symbolism unless I agree this with the client in advance of the session.

#### **4. Responsibility to the Profession**

- i. I will use discretion in making any public statement regarding astrology and regarding political matters or persons prominent in public life, and will avoid all such as are contrary to good taste or undesirable in the public interest.

#### **5. Financial Remuneration and Other Parameters**

- i. I will explain my professional charges clearly to a prospective client or student in advance of the session or work to be completed, including charges (if appropriate) for cancelled or missed appointments.
- ii. I will clearly state in advance any non-financial parameters for the work I undertake, including time limits, place of work and any other conditions which are appropriate to the session.

#### **6. Advertising**

- i. In advertising my services as an astrologer, I agree to accurately represent my qualifications and training, and will not include in any form of professional identification (such as business cards, office signs, letterheads, website information or directory listings) a statement or claim that is false, fraudulent, misleading or deceptive.
- ii. I will not represent myself as providing related specialised services (such as medical or psychotherapeutic services) unless I have the appropriate training, qualification or supervised experience.
- iii. I undertake not to advertise my Diploma qualification in connection with 'Sun sign' forecasting for the media.

#### **7. Withdrawal of Diploma**

- i. In the event of a violation of this Code of Ethics, I admit the right of the Council of the Faculty of Astrological Studies to withdraw my Diploma and erase my name from the Register of Faculty Diploma Holders. If my Diploma is withdrawn, I understand that I will not be permitted to use the letters DFAstrolS in connection with my name and qualifications.



Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (in block capitals): \_\_\_\_\_