I Will Not:

- Comment on VA mission-related legal matters unless I am the VA official spokesperson for the matter and have management approval to do so.

- In my capacity as a VA representative, comment or provide information on any matter about which I do not have actual, up-to-date knowledge.

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- Use my VA title or indicate that I represent VA when acting outside of my official capacities.

- Use profanity; make libelous statements; or use privately-created works without the express, written permission of the author.

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5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

a. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the VA Information Security Rules of Behavior for Non-Organizational Users.

b. I understand, accept, and agree to comply with all terms and conditions of the VA Information Security Rules of Behavior for Non-Organizational Users.

c. These provisions are consistent with and do not supersede, conflict with, or otherwise alter the employee obligations, rights, or liabilities created by existing statute or Executive order relating to (1) classified information, (2) communications to Congress, (3) the reporting to an Inspector General of a violation of any law, rule, or regulation, or mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or (4) any other whistleblower protection. The definitions, requirements, obligations, rights, sanctions, and liabilities created by controlling Executive orders and statutory provisions are incorporated into this agreement and are controlling.

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