

# Whistleblower Policy

#### General

Give an Hour<sup>TM</sup> requires directors, officers, and employees to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. As employees and representatives of the organization, we must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling our responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations. This is our Code of Ethics and Conduct.

## **Reporting Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of all directors, officers, and employees to comply with the code and to report violations or suspected violations in accordance with this Whistleblower Policy.

#### No Retaliation

No director, officer, or employee who in good faith reports a violation of the code shall suffer harassment, retaliation, or adverse employment consequence. An employee who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment. This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable employees and others to raise serious concerns within the organization prior to seeking resolution outside the organization.

## **Reporting Violations**

Give an Hour<sup>TM</sup> has an open door policy and encourages employees to share their questions, concerns, suggestions, or complaints with someone who can address them properly. In most cases, an employee's supervisor is in the best position to address an area of concern. However, if you are not comfortable speaking with your supervisor or you are not satisfied with your supervisor's response, you are encouraged to speak with the vice president for operations or anyone in management whom you are comfortable approaching. Supervisors and managers are required to report suspected violations of the code to the vice president of operations.

## **Compliance Officer**

The organization's vice president for operations serves as the compliance officer and is responsible for investigating and resolving all reported complaints and allegations concerning violations of the code. This officer shall advise the president and executive board at his or her discretion.

### **Accounting and Auditing Matters**

The executive board shall address all reported concerns or complaints regarding corporate accounting practices, internal controls, or auditing. The compliance officer shall immediately notify the board of any such complaint and work with the board until the matter is resolved.

## **Acting in Good Faith**

Anyone filing a complaint concerning a violation or suspected violation of the code must be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates a violation. Any allegations that prove not to be substantiated and that prove to have been made maliciously or knowingly to be false will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense.

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## Confidentiality

Violations or suspected violations may be submitted on a confidential basis by the complainant or may be submitted anonymously. Reports of violations or suspected violations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation.

## **Handling of Reported Violations**

The compliance officer will notify the sender and acknowledge receipt of the reported violation or suspected violation within five business days. All reports will be promptly investigated and appropriate corrective action will be taken if warranted by the investigation.

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