

**Rural Sociological Society  
Filing an Ethics Complaint Form**

Filing a complaint with the Ethics Committee of RSS mean that you are alleging a violation of our Code of Ethics to have taken place. There should be an individual or individuals who you are specifically accusing of such a violation. Formal complaints cannot be anonymous.

Complete the following form and include supportive documentation. Contact the current Chair of the Committee in writing to file a formal complaint.

1.a. Name of Complainant (person making the complaint):

1.b. Address of Complainant:

2.a. Name of Complainee: (person complained against):

2.b. Address of Complainee:

3. The provisions of the RSS Code of Ethics alleged to have been violated:

Attach additional sheet if needed.

4. A statement that other legal or institutional proceedings involving the alleged conduct have not been initiated, or, if initiated, the status of such proceedings:

5. A full statement of conduct alleged to have violated the Code of Ethics, including the sources of all information on which the allegations are based (and a dating of events):

Attach additional sheet if needed.

6. Copies of any documents supporting the allegations (list documents included here):

The Chair of the Ethics Committee should contact you within one week and may request additional information. You have 30 days to respond to this request. Then, after a basic vetting by the Chair, the case is taken to full committee.