

7. Judicial Ethics

§7-101

All justices shall maintain a professional demeanor at all times in court or in chambers.

§7-201

The justices shall not comment on any cases before the court or that may come before the court in the future, with the exception of advisory opinions.

§7-202

No justice shall issue a press release, opinion article, letter to the editor, or any other form of mass-media communication with regards to the court or opinion of that justice.

§7-203

A four-to-one majority vote of the court, will suffice for a press release from the court.

§7-301

Each justice reserves the right to be the sole power to determine their conflict of interest with a case. Should a justice feel any indication at all that they are unable to render a fair verdict for any reason, the justice must recuse themselves of the case immediately after petitions are filed or immediately after the justices determines there is a conflict.

§7-401

All parties present in the hearing room will conduct themselves in a similar fashion as if they were within a court of law.

§7-402

The Chief Justice reserves the right to adjourn the proceedings or announce a recess should proper conduct not be followed by any party.

§7-403

Lying to the Court will not be tolerated, and may result in: (a) a summary judgment, (b) dismissal without prejudice, (c) dismissal with prejudice, or (d) lack of credibility of witness or representative.

§7-501

Any of the following may be grounds to take disciplinary, which may include removal of office, against any justice: (a) conviction of any drug offense while in office, (b) conviction of any violent or sexual crime while in office, (c) two or more alcohol offenses by (i) on-campus authorities or (ii) law enforcement, (d) a grade-point average below 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and/or (e) any other misconduct unbecoming of a justice of this Court.

§7-601

No Chief Justice or associate justice of this Court will serve in any other capacity on, (a) the Student Association Executive Board, (b) Student Senate, (c) the executive Board of the Campus Activity Board, (d) the Activity Fee Board, (e) any other committee or subcommittee recognized as a subsidiary of Student Senate, unless otherwise stated in these rules.