

Code of Judicial Ethics for Temporary Judges

When you preside in a proceeding or communicate with the parties, counsel, or staff or court personnel while serving as a temporary judge, you must comply with the following code provisions (Code of Judicial Ethics (CJE) 6D(1)):

- Integrity and independence of the judiciary (CJE 1)
- Promoting public confidence (CJE 2A)
- Order and decorum (CJE 3B(3))
- Patient, dignified, and courteous treatment (CJE 3B(4))
- Require lawyers to refrain from manifestations of any form of bias or prejudice (CJE 3B(6))
- Action regarding misconduct by another judge (CJE 3D(1))
- Action regarding misconduct by a lawyer (CJE 3D(2))

In all proceedings you must make the following disclosures in writing or on the record:

- Information legally required to be disclosed, or relevant to disqualification (CJE 6D(5)(a))
- Membership in any organization that practices invidious discrimination (CJE 6D(5)(b))

During your term of employment as a temporary judge, you must comply with following canons (CJE 6D(2)(a)):

- Not allow family or other relationships to influence judicial conduct (CJE 2B(1))
- Hear and decide all matters unless disqualified (CJE 3B(1))
- Be faithful to and maintain competence in the law (CJE 3B(2))
- Perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice (CJE 3B(5))
- Accord full right to be heard to those entitled; avoid ex parte communications, except as specified (CJE 3B(7))
- Dispose of matters fairly and promptly (CJE 3B(8))
- Remain impartial and not engage in coercive conduct during efforts to resolve disputes (CJE 3B(12))
- Discharge administrative responsibilities without bias and with competence and cooperatively (CJE 3C(1))
- Require staff and court personnel to observe standards of conduct and refrain from bias and prejudice (CJE 3C(3))
- Make only fair, necessary, and appropriate appointments (CJE 3C(5))

You are also subject to other ethical responsibilities specified in the Code of Judicial Ethics. See CJE 6D(2)(b)–(c), D(3)–(12).