

(5) A Judge must exhibit and promote high standards of conduct so as to reinforce public confidence in the courts.

Integrity

4. (1) A Judge must strive to conduct himself or herself with integrity so as to sustain and enhance public confidence in the judiciary.

(2) A Judge must ensure that his and her conduct is above reproach in the view of reasonable, fair minded and informed persons.

(3) A Judge must, in addition to observing a high standard of integrity personally, encourage and support its observance by court officials, including counsel, appearing before him or her.

Impartiality

5. (1) A Judge must not only be, but also appear to be, impartial and fair with respect to his or her judicial duties.

(2) A Judge must-

(a) accord to every person who is legally interested in a proceeding, or his or her legal representative, full right to be heard according to law; and

(b) except as authorised by law, not initiate, encourage or consider, *ex-parte* communication concerning a pending or anticipated proceeding.

(3) In subsection (2), "*ex-parte* communication" means communication involving less than all the parties who have a direct interest in the case, whether oral or written, about a pending or anticipated case, made to or initiated by the Judge presiding over the case.

Judicial demeanour

6. (1) A Judge must avoid impropriety in his or her decisions and decision making.

(2) A Judge must strive to ensure that his or her conduct, both in and out of court, maintains and enhances confidence in his or her impartiality and that of the judiciary.

(3) A Judge must treat everyone before the court with appropriate respect and courtesy and enforce the same treatment by court officials, including counsel, appearing before him or her.

(4) A Judge must avoid unjustified reprimands of counsel, insulting and improper remarks about litigants and witnesses, statements evidencing pre-judgment, and intemperate or impatient behaviour, since they may destroy the appearance of impartiality and fairness.

Civic and charitable activity

7. (1) A Judge must avoid any activity or association that could reflect adversely on his or her impartiality or interfere with the performance of his or her judicial duties.

(2) In general, a Judge must not-

(a) allow the prestige of his or her judicial office to be used in aid of fundraising for a particular cause, however worthy;

(b) apart from requests to judicial colleagues, personally solicit funds; or

(c) lend his or her name to financial campaigns.