

Inter-American Development Bank Administrative Tribunal

Code of Judicial Conduct

This Code of Judicial Conduct is intended to establish standards for the ethical conduct of the Judges of the Inter-American Development Bank Administrative Tribunal Group. It is designed to provide guidance to Judges and to assist staff and management of the Inter-American Development Bank Group to better understand and support the work of the Tribunal. The provisions of this Code are subject to the Statute and Rules of Procedure of the Administrative Tribunal.

Independence

1. Judges shall act independently in the performance of their duties. They shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that no one interferes directly or indirectly with the work of the Tribunal.

Impartiality

1. Judges shall act at all times with impartiality and shall adjudicate matters without favor or bias.
2. Judges shall ensure that their conduct at all times maintains the confidence of all in the impartiality of the Tribunal. They shall avoid situations that might give rise to the reasonable perception of favoritism or partiality.
3. Judges shall take care that any public expression of personal views or convictions does not compromise, or appear to compromise, the performance of judicial duties or the interests of the Tribunal.
4. A Judge who has a conflict of interest in a case shall recuse herself or himself.
5. Judges must not directly or indirectly negotiate or accept any remuneration, income, compensation, gift, advantage or privilege that can be reasonably perceived as a reward or likely to influence them in favor of a particular party.
6. A Judge shall not initiate, permit or consider *ex parte* communication concerning a pending matter.
7. Judges shall not use or lend the prestige of judicial office to advance the private interests of the Judge, a member of the Judge's family, or anyone else.

Integrity

1. Judges must be of high moral character and act honorably and in accordance with the principles set out in this Code.

2. Judges must uphold the law and shall ensure that they observe local laws so as not to be perceived as abusing the privileges and immunities conferred on the Inter-American Development Bank and the Inter-American Investment Corporation (known as Inter-American Development Bank Group) and its officers.

Propriety

1. Judges shall act tactfully and with reserve in a manner that is consistent with their status as Judges of the Tribunal.
2. Judges shall refrain from participating in any activity that is in conflict with the interests of the Tribunal or that would damage the Tribunal's reputation.
3. Except in the discharge of the duties of judicial office, Judges must not comment publicly on the merits of any matter pending before the Tribunal.
4. Judges must observe the rule that deliberations of the Tribunal are confidential.
5. Judges must respect and safeguard the confidentiality of information that is made known to them as a result of the performance of their official duties.
6. Judges should treat colleagues, Tribunal staff, and parties before the Tribunal with courtesy and respect.
7. Judges are expected to act with tolerance, sensitivity, respect and impartiality towards all, and not to treat anyone in a discriminatory manner.
8. When conducting oral hearings, Judges have a duty to act courteously to legal representatives, parties, witnesses, judicial colleagues and others, and require all participating in the hearing similarly to act in a courteous manner.

Competence and Diligence

1. Judges must perform all assigned judicial duties diligently and must dispose of judicial work promptly in a professional manner.
2. Judges must take reasonable steps to maintain the necessary level of professional competence and remain informed about developments in international administrative law.

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