

**RULE 3**  
**IMPARTIAL AND DILIGENT PERFORMANCE OF JUDICIAL DUTIES**

**Rule 3.1 *Giving Precedence to the Duties of Judicial Office***

The duties of judicial office, as prescribed by law, shall take precedence over a judge's other professional activities.

**Rule 3.2 *Ensuring the Right to be Heard***

A judge shall accord to every person who has a legal interest in a proceeding, or to that person's lawyer, the right to be heard according to law.

**Rule 3.3 *Impartiality and Fairness***

(A) A judge shall uphold and apply the law and perform all duties of judicial office, including administrative duties, fairly, impartially, and without bias or prejudice.

(B) A judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct, manifest bias or prejudice, or engage in harassment, against parties, witnesses, lawyers, or others based on attributes including but not limited to, sex, gender identity, race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, socioeconomic status, or political affiliation and shall not permit court staff, court officials, or others subject to the judge's direction and control to do so.

(C) A judge shall not take any action or make any comment that a reasonable person would expect to impair the fairness of a matter pending or impending in any Oregon court.

**Rule 3.4 *External Influences on Judicial Conduct***

(A) A judge shall not be swayed by public clamor or fear of criticism.

(B) A judge shall not permit family, social, political, financial, or other interests or relationships to improperly influence the judge's judicial conduct or judgment.

(C) A judge shall not convey or permit others to convey the impression that any person or organization is in a position to improperly influence a judge.