

SOAR ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAM: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ADJUDICATING BODIES

I. PURPOSE

This Code of Conduct applies to all members of the Disciplinary Committee and the Appellate Review Authority to ensure the integrity, impartiality, and fairness of all disciplinary proceedings.

II. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

A. Impartiality: Committee members shall perform their adjudicatory duties without bias, prejudice, or favoritism. Members shall remain objective in evaluating all evidence presented.

B. Conflicts of Interest: Members must disclose any personal, professional, or financial relationship with a respondent or any party involved in a proceeding. If a conflict exists, the member shall recuse themselves from the matter to ensure the proceeding remains untainted.

C. Confidentiality: Members must maintain the confidentiality of all disciplinary records and proceedings, except as required by law or the rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

D. Fairness and Due Process: Members shall ensure that all proceedings provide the respondent with adequate notice, a fair opportunity to be heard, and a decision based solely on the established evidence and SOAR Professional Standards.

III. ENFORCEMENT

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in the removal of a member from the Disciplinary Committee or Appellate Review Authority, as determined by the SOAR Governing Board, subject to the oversight of the Supreme Court of Arizona.