

Chapter 8

Attendance Regulations

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Section I - Summary

1. The Judicial Council recognizes the importance of a Justice being present for all meetings, but especially recognizes that it is not in the interest of parties involved for a Justice to be absent from any official business of the Council and to vote on any cases.

Section II - Attendance Mandate

1. All members of the Judicial Branch must be present at all official meetings. Attendance shall be marked as “present” if the member is present when the meeting is called to order. If they are not, then they shall be listed as “absent,” unless they arrive late wherein they shall be listed as “tardy.”
 - a. All regular meetings, unless otherwise excused by the Chief Justice, must be attended by members, even those members under censure or other disciplinary action.

Section III - Attendance Waivers

1. Any Justice or Judicial Staff may have their attendance waived by:
 - a. The Chief Justice;
 - b. The Vice Chief Justice and one Associate Justice;
 - c. Three Associate Justices.
2. The Vice Chief Justice can be waived by:
 - a. The Chief Justice;
 - b. Three Associate Justices.
3. The Chief Justice can be waived by:
 - a. The Vice Chief Justice and one Associate Justice;
 - b. Three Associate Justices.
4. All attendance waivers should be submitted and approved prior to the meeting in question, however, if extenuating circumstances exist, then attendance may be waived retroactively.
 - a. Attendance waivers are not protections against censure should a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of the Court, or the Chief Justice, decide it necessary.

Section IV - Disciplinary Action

1. When a Justice is absent without waiver from any official business of the Judicial Council, or otherwise assigned responsibility, they shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action by the Chief Justice and the Council.
 - a. Disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, immediate censure by the Chief Justice of the violating member;

- b. If the Chief Justice is absent without waiver, then they shall be suspended of all their duties for a minimum one (1) week period, wherein the Vice Chief Justice shall temporarily assume responsibilities.
2. After three (3) absences without waiver, an agenda item shall be placed on the next possible agenda for disciplinary review of the member.
3. After five (5) absence without waiver, the member shall be automatically dismissed from the Council.
4. The standards for attendance shall be applied across the entire academic year, beginning the day after the last day of commencement, and ending the last day of commencement.

Section V - Amendments

1. This chapter of the Judicial Rules and Procedures may be amended through:
 - a. A simple majority of the Judicial Council;
 - b. Amendments may only be made by members of the Judicial Branch, as defined in Chapter 1 of the Rules and Procedures;