

# Court of Ethics



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## CONSTITUTION

The Court of Ethics shall:

- I. Contribute, as its ultimate objective, to the definition of fairness and ethically acceptable conduct in matters of fundamental, lasting importance;
- II. Remain independent of any political interests, leaving it free to pursue the search for justice without any prejudice or bias;
- III. Lack formal powers, its sole source of authority being its ability to produce findings based upon sound reasoning, complete impartiality, and a fundamental grasp of fairness and ethical acceptability;
- IV. Remain deeply, unconditionally, and irrevocably committed to solid academic and intellectual principles for philosophical analysis, reasoning, and rational thought;
- V. Adhere to established principles for legal interpretation, aiming to take into account all relevant legal principles, rules, and cases;
- VI. Elaborate specific principles of thought, procedures, and rules of conduct to suit its current needs, giving full consideration to the need for ensuring consistency;
- VII. Establish advisory panels and seek expertise externally so as to widen its horizon and achieve sufficient factual knowledge;
- VIII. Publish its findings in one or more appropriate formats, if and when the Court has arrived at conclusions sufficiently concrete to warrant publication. ■