

PROPOSED CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

A Judge of the **Caribbean Court of Justice** shall:

- (a) be a person of sound moral character and integrity;**
- (b) observe high standards of conduct and uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary; he should also contribute to the establishment, maintenance and enforcement of such standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary are preserved;**
- (c) avoid impropriety or the appearance of impropriety in all his activities and shall conduct himself at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary;**
- (d) respect and faithfully uphold the law and shall perform the duties of his office impartially and diligently;**
- (e) Regulate his extra-judicial activities to minimise the risk of conflict with his judicial duties and shall not allow his family, social, or other relationships to influence his judicial conduct or judgment. He shall not lend the prestige of his office to advance the private interests of others;**
- (f) not participate in any political activity nor any other activity that is inappropriate to his judicial office;**
- (g) refrain from financial, business or other dealings that tend to reflect adversely on his impartiality, compromise or interfere with the proper performance of his judicial duties, exploit his judicial position, or involve him in transactions with persons likely to come before the Court over which he presides;**
- (h) not serve as an officer, director, manager, adviser, or employee of any business or engage in any other activity that is likely to prejudice the discharge of his judicial duties;**
- (i) disqualify himself from hearing any matter where any conflict of interest arises or may reasonably be perceived to arise between private interest and judicial duty;**
- (j) ensure that judgments and the written reasons therefor are given in an expeditious manner.**

As at 21 August 1998