



Ethics in Criminal Justice

Ethics in the Courts

Part 1: Court Players and Roles

Since many players are involved in the court system, many ethical issues can occur. In this assignment you will research the key players and explain what they do as well as common ethical issues and common sanctions.

Court Personnel	Role	Common Ethical Violations	Common Sanctions
Judges	Rule on the admissibility of evidence	Conflict of interest and improper demeanor	Removal and suspension
Prosecuting Attorney	representative of the court	Suppressing evidence and threat of intimidation.	Disqualification of counsel;
Defense Attorney	reasonably consult and Keep the client informed	Misleading information	Disbarment and suspension

Part 2: Local Courts

You explained the roles, ethical violations, and sanctions of judges, prosecuting attorneys, and defense attorneys in general. Now you will research how court officials are monitored and elected in your community.

Answer each of the following questions in at least 45 to 90 words.

- How are judges elected or appointed in your community or district? Provide an explanation and cite the source where you found this information.
While the constitution states that the federal judges are nominated by the president and confirmed by the senate, judges in our communities are elected and sometimes appointed for a given number of years. In some cases, one may be appointed for life or the two methods combined.

<https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/court-role-and-structure/comparing-federal-state-courts#:~:text=Selection%20of%20Judges&text=The%20Constitution%20states%20that%20federal,removed%20from%20office%20for%20misbehavior>

2. Who is the governing authority for licensing and monitoring attorneys in your area? Explain the duties of the governing authority.

The state bar of the state is responsible for licensing and monitoring attorneys. For instance, the State Bar of California's is responsible for protecting the public majorly through the licensing process and regulating attorneys for any misconduct. They also promote ethical standards in the judicially system.

<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/Conduct-Discipline#:~:text=The%20State%20Bar%20of%20California's,misconduct%20and%20promoting%20ethical%20conduct>

3. Which court personnel role you described in Par 1 has a higher level of ethical expectations? Why?

In my opinion, the judges have the highest level of ethical expectations because they acts as a balance and must listen to both side of the representation and rule n admissibility of evidence. They also instruct the jury and therefore must ensure the competence and the independence of the judicially.