

Role play

1. A hearing takes place in the Court of X. One of the lawyers presenting the case before the judge is a famous law professor, author of many manuals and widely recognized as a preeminent figure in that country.

Imagine the conduct of the judge and the lawyer during the hearing in the following cases:

- a. The lawyer draws attention to the judge that he/she was a student of him and that the case beforehand is identical/similar to the ones presented in the law manuals written by the professor.
- b. The lawyer (professor) coordinates the doctoral studies (Phd.) of the judge at the local university.
- c. The judge works at the University of X at the same department as the lawyer who is, in fact, the head of that department.

2. Judge A and lawyer B are very close friends, former colleagues of the faculty of Law. Each time when the lawyer attends a hearing in the building of the Court where A is a judge, he visits him. Judge A invites B in his office, they have a coffee and have long discussions.

Imagine the conduct of the judge and the lawyer in the following cases:

- a. The lawyer starts a discussion regarding an interesting problem of the interpretation of a law. It seems that he favors a certain solution and he insists to convince his friend of the validity of his arguments.
- b. The lawyer asks the judge for solution in a certain case in which he represents one of the parties.
- c. Both the judge and the lawyer are members of a very active association promoting a healthy life style.

3. A case involving a famous local person (politician/artist/businessman/ etc) is heard by judge A. Before the hearing of the case, the lawyer of the applicant is invited to talk show at a TV channel and he comments on:
 - a. the facts of the case, the evidence, the manner in which the case was managed by the public prosecutor (or other investigating authority) during the stage of the judicial investigation (breaching the secrecy of that phase)
 - b. the professional behavior of the judge during the hearings questioning his/her professional skills
 - c. the relationship between the judge appointed in that case and the other party; he uses a sarcastic, caustic tone/proffering insults.

4. During a hearing in the Court X, the lawyer overstepped the limits of a decent behavior before the judge A, he raised the voice and commented in a sarcastic manner the decision of the judge on a certain procedural aspect. He was fined with approximately 100 Euros and he was asked to leave the courtroom. A police officer accompanied the lawyer outside the room. The lawyer filed a complaint with the President of the Court, the Superior Council for Magistracy asking for some disciplinary measures against the judge.

No measures are taken vis-à-vis the conduct of the judge.

Later, the lawyer attends a hearing before the same judge A in another case.