Code of Conduct for Justices of the Peace

General behaviour

- We will maintain and promote, in both our public and professional lives, standards of conduct that uphold the integrity and independence of our office.
- We will respect and comply with the law and conduct ourselves in a way that promotes public confidence in the integrity and independence of our office.
- We will always act impartially, not allowing conduct in our role to be influenced by political, business, family or social interests
- We will at all times separate the functions of our office from any personal or political interests.
- We will not convey, or permit others to convey, the impression that we are in a special position of influence.

Judicial responsibilities

- We will give due precedence to our judicial and administrative duties without causing undue detriment to our personal or business life.
- · We will perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice.

Confidentiality

 We will respect the confidentiality of all who appear before us or use our services and not disclose information of a private, confidential or commercially sensitive nature received in the course of our duties.

Conflict Of Interest

- We will disqualify ourselves from any proceedings in which our impartiality might reasonably be questioned.
- If it is seen that a conflict may arise, we will disclose all actual and potential conflicts of interest known to us.

Legal Advice

· We will not give legal advice to any person.

Financial Dealings

- We will not accept any payment or gift in the course of our duties
- We will not use our office to advance our personal or business interests.

Training

 Whenever possible, we will participate in training offered to increase our knowledge and professionalism in relation to our role.

Mandatory notification

- We will advise the Department of Justice within 30 days if we:
- a) change our name or address
- b) are convicted of any offence
- c) become an insolvent under administration.

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