

**CODE OF CONDUCT  
FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE  
PALAU NATIONAL JUDICIARY**

Introduction

The Palau Supreme Court recognizes the importance of ethical conduct by its employees in the administration of justice. Court employees hold positions of public trust and should be committed to the highest standard of conduct. Court employees shall observe these standards of conduct to preserve the integrity and independence of the judiciary. This Code embodies the dedication of the Palau National Judiciary to upholding and increasing the public's confidence in the judicial branch of government, and also reflects its commitment to promoting integrity among its employees.

This Code shall apply to all employees of the Supreme Court, of the Court of Common Pleas, and of the Land Court. It does not apply to justices and judges, who are required by law to adhere to the standards of the Code of Judicial Conduct of the American Bar Association.

**CANON 1. A COURT EMPLOYEE SHOULD UPHOLD THE INTEGRITY  
AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY AND OF THE COURT EMPLOYEE'S  
OFFICE**

A Court employee should personally observe high standards of conduct so that the integrity and independence of the Judiciary are preserved and the Court employee's office reflects a devotion to serving the public. A Court employee should require adherence to such standards by employees subject to his or her discretion and control. The standards of this Code shall not affect or preclude other more stringent standards required by law, by Court order, or by the appointing authority.