

Judicial Ethics Questionnaire

Pick only one of the following topics and answer in 500 words or less.

1. A "Sovereign" citizen appears in your court for arraignment and refuses to answer any questions or participate in the court proceeding at all. As a judge, what do you do and why?
2. A member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving is upset with a ruling you made in a DUI case and now sits regularly in the back of your courtroom and records you with her phone. As a judge, what do you do and why?
3. An attorney appears with a client for a plea. A deputy sheriff informs you that he believes the attorney to be under the influence of alcohol based on manifestations that were observed. As a judge, what do you do and why?
4. A defendant who has been cited multiple times by the county for unmaintained property (tall grass, junk in yard) appears in your court on a walker and says he has no money or resources to clean up the property. The officers who keep citing him state that jail is the only solution, because he has been doing this for years. As a judge, what do you do and why?