

602.1606 Judicial officer disqualified.

1. A judicial officer is disqualified from acting in a proceeding, except upon the consent of all of the parties, if any of the following circumstances exists:

a. The judicial officer has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party, or personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding.

b. The judicial officer served as a lawyer in the matter in controversy, or a lawyer with whom the judicial officer previously practiced law served during that association as a lawyer concerning the matter, or the judicial officer or such lawyer has been a material witness concerning the matter.

c. The judicial officer knows that the officer, individually or as a fiduciary, or the officer's spouse or a person related to either of them by consanguinity or affinity within the third degree or the spouse of such a person has a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy or in a party to the proceeding, or has any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding.

d. The judicial officer or the officer's spouse, or a person related to either of them by consanguinity or affinity within the third degree or the spouse of such a person, is a party to the proceeding, or an officer, director, or trustee of a party, or is acting as a lawyer in the proceeding, or is known by the judicial officer to have an interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding, or is, to the judicial officer's knowledge, likely to be a material witness in the proceeding.

2. A judicial officer shall disclose to all parties in a proceeding any existing circumstances in [subsection 1](#), paragraphs "a" through "d", before the parties consent to the judicial officer's presiding in the proceeding.

[83 Acts, ch 186, §1606, 10201; 2013 Acts, ch 30, §183](#)