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Code of Conduct and Practice for Professional Conduct Committee

The ARB expects all those appointed to assist it in its duty to consider criminal convictions, or allegations of unacceptable professional conduct or serious professional incompetence against architects to conduct themselves according to the following principles:

- Respect

All Professional Conduct Committee work should be conducted within an ethic of respect for the parties concerned.

- Conflicts of Interest

Members should immediately notify the secretary of the Committee if they suspect a potential or actual conflict of interest. Examples of conflict of interest may include a professional or personal relationship with any of the parties involved, or any previous dealings with any of the participants in the matter.

- Preparation

Committee members should ensure that they have read the papers provided, and arrive at the hearing venue punctually.

- Impartiality

Committee members' responsibility is to decide the case on the evidence presented to them, and not before the conclusion of the hearing. They should ensure they are neutral in their dealings with the parties and avoid discussing the case save when all members of the Committee hearing the case are present.

- Confidentiality

Committee members are individually responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of information provided to them that is not in the public domain. All material generated by the Professional Conduct Committee is subject to Data Protection and Freedom of Information legislation.