

Judge's Role in Impaired Driving Cases

Judicial Canons of Ethics

A judge shall comply with the law and should act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.

Canons cont.

A judge should be faithful to the law and shall maintain professional competence in it.

Canons cont.

A judge shall not initiate,
permit, or consider
ex parte communications.

Judicial Philosophy



Punishment vs. Rehabilitation

Should I do what the public
wants or what I think is
right?

In dealing with impaired driving cases, is it more important that I protect the public or protect constitutional rights?

Judge's Role in Plea Bargaining

What should it be?

What if prosecutor or defense
don't do their job?

The Role of Interlocks and ODLs

Are judges complying with
“mandatory” interlock statutes?

Why or why not?

What role do judges play in granting
ODLs?

Questions?

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