

The DRBF Code of Ethics

The DRB's role makes it essential that all Board members be trusted implicitly by the contracting parties. To this end, the DRBF has established a Code of Ethics, which sets forth the key elements of the behaviors to which all Board members must subscribe in order for the DRB process to function effectively. The following are the five Fundamental Canons of the DRBF Code of Ethics:

- Canon 1** Board members shall disclose any interest or relationship that could possibly be viewed as affecting impartiality or that might create an appearance of partiality or bias. This obligation to disclose is a continuing obligation throughout the life of the DRB.

- Canon 2** Conduct of Board members shall be above reproach. Even the appearance of a conflict of interest shall be avoided. There shall be no ex parte communication with the parties except as provided for in the DRB's Operating Procedures.

- Canon 3** Board members shall not use information acquired during DRB activities for personal advantage, or divulge any confidential information to others unless approved by the parties.

- Canon 4** Board members shall conduct meetings and hearings in an expeditious, diligent, orderly, and impartial manner.

- Canon 5** The DRB shall impartially consider all disputes referred to it. Reports shall be based solely on the provisions of the contract documents and the facts of the dispute.

Practice guidelines and further discussion of how Board members are expected to conduct themselves are included in Chapter 2.10.