

CORT PÜ INALT DEL REGISPÄTS TALOSSAN

UPPERMOST CORT OF THE KINGDOM OF TALOSSA

JUDICIAL RULES

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Appreciating that the Organic Law no longer proscribes a sitting Judge of the Cort pü Inalt from serving as a Member of the Ziu, the Cort pü Inalt, having convened to resolve concerns related to actual or potential conflicts that may arise should a sitting Judge concurrently serve as an Member of the Ziu, hereby unanimously adopt and promulgate the following Judicial Rule:

1. Any Judge of the Cort pü Inalt shall recuse themselves from any and all matters that:
 - a. challenges Government conduct provided that the party of the Judge/Member of the Ziu is in Government;
 - b. challenges or involves the election in any form provided that the Judge/Member of the Ziu was named on the party's list of candidates or that the Judge/Member of the Ziu campaigned for their seat or the party; or
 - c. challenges the interpretation or constitutionality of any act, law, statute, amendment, or regulation, or the like, that the Judge/Member of the Ziu voted for or against or debated for or against,

should such come before the Cort pü Inalt or any inferior Cort in which that Judge of the Cort pü Inalt may serve as permitted by the Organic Law.

2. The Judges of the Cort pü Inalt are encouraged to proactively recuse themselves in such instances. Notwithstanding, the Cort pü Inalt authorizes any party to a matter listed in Rule 1.a-c to move for judicial recusal.
 - a. The filing of a motion for judicial recusal shall stay the matter until such time as the challenged Judge is recused or the motion is decided.
 - b. Another party to the matter may file a brief in support of judicial recusal no later than two days after the filing date of the motion for judicial recusal.
 - c. The challenged Judge and any party to the matter may file a single brief in opposition to judicial recusal no later than three days after the filing of the motion for judicial recusal or last brief in support of judicial recusal, whichever is later.

- d. The moving party may file a reply brief in further support of judicial recusal no later than two days after the filing of the last brief in opposition to judicial recusal. The reply brief in further support of judicial recusal may only address arguments contained in the opposition brief(s) and may not include new arguments or restate those contained in the initial motion for judicial recusal or other brief(s) in support of judicial recusal that were addressed in the opposition brief(s) for judicial recusal.
 - e. The Court *pü* Inalt shall render a decision no later than two weeks from the filing of the last brief based on the Judges appearing during that timeframe and the challenged Judge not participating in deliberations. A decision granting recusal shall be deemed as the challenged Judge having recused themselves and take immediate effect upon being rendered.
3. The Court *pü* Inalt may, *sua sponte*, sanction a party found to have abused or ignored the foregoing rules as it deems necessary and appropriate.
4. Nothing stated herein shall abridge, abrogate, limit, or modify any existing grounds for which a party may seek recusal in any matter, and the omission of any other basis does not imply or suggest approval or disapproval of same.

This Rule is effective immediately upon promulgation.