

## **Section I - Definitions**

1. Judicial Branch
  - a. Shall be defined generally as the third branch of the Associated Students of UC Riverside.
2. Judicial Council
  - a. Shall be defined as including all members of the Judicial Branch existing in voting and *ex officio* capacity as outlined by the Rules and Procedures.
3. Judicial Staff
  - a. Shall be defined as all non-voting members of the Judicial Council serving in an *ex officio* or otherwise advisory capacity to the Judicial Branch.

## **Section II - Membership**

1. Judicial Branch
  - a. This branch shall include all appointed Justices of the Council, the Judicial Secretary, Judicial Fellows, Judicial Interns, and the ASUCR Executive Director.
2. Judicial Council
  - a. The rank of the Justices shall be as follows:
    - i. There shall be one (1) Chief Justice elected by a majority vote of the Council to serve one term.
    - ii. There shall be one (1) Vice Chief Justice elected by a majority vote of the Council to serve on term.
    - iii. There shall be four (4) Associate Justices
3. Judicial Staff
  - a. Shall be composed of one (1) Judicial Secretary, one (1) General Advocate, as well as Judicial Fellows and interns as defined by these Rules and Procedures.
4. All responsibilities and processes for attaining their position shall be clearly defined and outlined in the Judicial Rules and Procedures in a manner consistent with our mission of transparency, clarity, and fairness.

- a. Failure by the Council to uphold such a standard will result in suspension of Council activities by the Chief Justice until the necessary changes are made.

### **Section III - Requirements**

- b. All members of the Judicial Branch must be an undergraduate student in good academic standing with UCR, as set out by the Office of the Registrar, the members' college regulations, and/or general University policy.
- c. All members of the Judicial Branch must meet the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity standards set forth by ASUCR, the Office of Academic Affairs, members' college regulations, and/or general University policy.
- d. Subordinate to the ASUCR Constitution, all members of the Judicial Branch are subject to eligibility requirements laid out in Article III, Section B of the Constitution, including all changes and/or amendments made.
  - i. The Council, however, reserves the right to determine its own eligibility standards if need be provided that such standards do not fall below, nor contradict, those laid out in the Constitution.

### **Section IV - Restrictions on All Members**

1. Members of the Judicial Branch may not;
  - a. Campaign for, or publicly support, any candidate during the entirety of their term.
  - b. Be eligible to run for any elected or appointed (committees excepted) positions within ASUCR during the duration of their term.
    - i. With the exception of the Elections Committee, members of the Judicial Branch are encouraged to participate in ASUCR and/or other committees, provided that such involvement does not risk a loss of impartiality.
    - ii. Should committee involvement result in any conflict of interest within a case, members must recuse themselves.
    - iii. Justice eligibility to sit on any committee outside the Councils prerogative is at the discretion of the Chief Justice wherein the Chief Justice's involvement is at the discretion of a majority of the Council.
  - c. Serve on the Elections Committee for the duration of their term.
  - d. Hold an official or staff position in either of the two other branches, nor any other position that is paid for by ASUCR.