

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MAINE

MERIT SELECTION PANEL POLICY ON IMPARTIALITY

July 25, 2013

If a Committee member has a personal or professional relationship with an applicant, the Committee member must declare his or her relationship and describe its nature. If, in the view of the member or the Committee, the relationship is sufficiently close that it presents a serious question as to the member's ability to be fair and impartial about the applicant, the Committee member shall absent himself or herself from the portion of the meeting during which that applicant is discussed and shall not participate in the Committee vote on that applicant.