

How to Address Wrongful Conduct in the Workplace

INFORMAL ADVICE

To request advice about a workplace concern, contact your Employment Dispute Resolution (EDR) coordinator, Circuit Director of Workplace Relations, or the Office of Judicial Integrity. They can provide you with advice and guidance on how to address the issue including:

- Your rights under the EDR Plan
- Advice on handling discriminatory, harassing, or abusive conduct
- Options for addressing the conduct

ASSISTED RESOLUTION

Contact an EDR Coordinator or Circuit Director of Workplace Relations to request Assisted Resolution. This interactive, flexible process may include:

- Discussions with the source of the conduct
- Preliminary investigation, including interviewing witnesses
- Resolving the matter by agreement

FORMAL COMPLAINT

Contact an EDR coordinator to file a formal complaint. (Note: Prior to filing a complaint specifically alleging abusive conduct, Employees must first utilize the option for Assisted Resolution). The Complaint must be filed within **180 days** of the alleged violation or the discovery of the violation. This formal process includes:

- Appointment of Presiding Judicial Officer (**immediately**)
- Respondent may file response (**within 30 days of receiving the Complaint**)
- An investigation
- A hearing may be scheduled (**no later than 60 days after the filing of the complaint**)
- Written decision (**60 days after hearing if one is held**)
- Appeal rights (**within 30 days of the date of the decision**)

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Confidentiality

All options for resolution are intended to respect privacy of all involved to the greatest extent possible, and to protect the fairness and thoroughness of the process by which allegations of wrongful conduct are initiated, investigated, and ultimately resolved.