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DISTRICT COUNCIL

JUDICIAL COUNCIL REPORT

1. Judicial Council is a Provincially appointed body that enforces OSSTF/FEESO By-laws (both Provincial and local) and the standards of professional conduct of members and elected officials. It is the only body that can discipline members.

2. Judicial Council hears four types of cases:
 - a) Negotiations and Strikes/Sanctions (Byl 2.4.4);
 - b) Duties of Members to Members (Byl 2.4.2.1.1);
 - c) Breach of Executive Duties;
 - d) Member Ethics.

3. Process for Filing a Complaint:
 - a) An individual member cannot file a complaint against another member; he/she can file against an elected official (see 2c);
 - b) District leadership can file a complaint against a Member (see 2a, b and d).

4. Judicial Council cases are both costly and time consuming; rarely does anyone “win”. In most instances, it is more effective to enlist the aid of Provincial Mediation services which can be accessed through the Secretarial Liaison.

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