IAJ - First study Commission:

**Denmark**

Rules for ethical conduct of judges, their application and observance

(Mexico 2004)

Only the below questions are applicable:

**Answer to question no. 1:**

The general procedural legislation describes that the judge shall not act negligently or carelessly when discharging the duties of his office. Nor shall the judge commit misconduct or act improperly or in any other way whatsoever commit any other acts to render him unworthy of the esteem and confidence required for the office of a judge.

**Answer to question no. 2:**

No.

**Answer to question no. 5:**

No.

**Answer to question no. 6 a:**

There is only a rule concerning the independence of the judge in the constitution.

**Answer to question no. 6 c:**

The general procedural legislation has rules stipulating that the judge may not have close relations with the parties of the case. Nor may there be any other circumstances that might call in question the judge’s complete impartiality.

**Answer to question no. 7:**

If a judge violates the rules stipulated in the answer to question no. 1, legal proceedings may be instigated against such judge at a special disciplinary court.

**Answer to question no. 10:**

The decision of the disciplinary court is made public.

**Answer to question no. 11:**

No.

**Answer to question no. 12:**

No.

**Answer to question no. 13:**

No, not when the legislation contains the necessary rules.
Answer to question no. 14:

There is no immediate need for that. A study of the rules applicable in other countries would be useful.

Answer to question no. 16:

No further comments on the subject.

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