

1 **APTA ETHICS AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

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3 Board Chair\*: TBA

4 Staff liaison: TBA

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6 **CHARGE**

7 With respect to ethical matters the committee shall:

- 8 a. Interpret the APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession
- 9 b. Propose revisions of APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession
- 10 c. Make revisions, as necessary, to the documents that interpret the Code of Ethics
- 11 for the Physical Therapy Profession and disseminate these documents for the
- 12 management of judicial affairs.
- 13 d. Review and comment on matters pertaining to ethics in existing and proposed
- 14 Association policies and positions adopted by the House and Board and other
- 15 initiatives or activities of the Association.
- 16 e. Publish materials that address current and emerging ethical situations.
- 17 f. Promote activities for the dissemination of information and educational materials
- 18 related to Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession and interpretive
- 19 documents.
- 20 g. Collaborate with and be a resource to component ethics committees or liaisons.

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22 With respect to judicial matters the committee shall:

- 23 a. Consult with the Board on development of Association policy adopted by the
- 24 Board related to disciplinary action as a result of ethical complaints.
- 25 b. Process reported violations of relevant provisions of the APTA Code of Ethics for
- 26 the Physical Therapy Profession in accordance with Association policy adopted by
- 27 the Board.
- 28 c. Make final decisions in disciplinary proceedings against a member, subject to
- 29 appeal to the Board by the member.
- 30 d. Publish sanctions in accordance with association policies.

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32 Additional duties:

- 33 • Review and adjudicate complaints consistent with the [Disciplinary Action Procedural](#)
- 34 [Document](#) and report on number, classification and decisions determined on an annual
- 35 basis.

- 1 • Advise the APTA Board of Directors on proposed and existing Association policies and  
2 positions as requested. Coordinate and collaborate with other APTA appointed groups  
3 and stakeholders, when doing so can further the work of the committee.
- 4 • Submit an annual report to the Board of Directors.

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6 All APTA appointed groups shall conduct their work to support APTA’s Mission, Vision,  
7 Strategic Plan, and APTA adopted policies and positions. All appointees shall agree to the  
8 APTA Volunteer Commitment.

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10 **QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTEES**

11 Shall be:

- 12 • A Physical Therapist member in good standing.

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14 In order to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety, an EJC member shall  
15 not serve concurrently as a component president or on a component committee charged  
16 with processing judicial complaints in that component

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18 **MEETINGS**

19 This committee holds one annual funded in-person meeting and meets virtually on a  
20 monthly basis, as needed.

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22 **SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP**

23 One Board chair who is a physical therapist member, selected annually by the APTA  
24 President; and a minimum of five additional Physical Therapist members

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26 **TERMS OF APPOINTEES**

27 With the exception of the Board chair, committee members shall serve three-year terms and  
28 shall not serve consecutive terms for appointments beginning in 2026 or thereafter.

29 Beginning in 2029, APTA members shall not serve on more than one board-appointed  
30 group at a time with the exception of APTA Board members.

31 Proviso: Members of the EJC appointed prior to 2025 shall complete their terms as  
32 appointed originally with one of these members rotating off in each of the following years:  
33 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029. One additional member will be appointed annually in 2026 and  
34 2027, and 2028 (all with three year terms); and beginning in 2029, the annual number of  
35 appointments over a three year span will be two (2029), two (2030), and one (2031) with this  
36 cycle continuing in successive years (all with three year terms).

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