

- (b) ensure that the proceedings are conducted in a fair and procedural manner;
- (c) be impartial and objective at all times; and
- (d) make a ruling on the objection made by the officer leading evidence or the defence.

Summoning of witnesses

66. (1) The Registrar may, for the purposes of a disciplinary hearing, summons any person to appear before a disciplinary committee, at a time and place specified in the summons, and to be questioned or to produce a book, document or object, if the disciplinary committee believes that—

- (a) such person may be able to give material information concerning the subject of the hearing; or
- (b) such person has possession or custody of or has under his or her control any book, document, file or object which has any bearing on the subject of the hearing.

(2) Failure to comply with subsection (1) will be regarded as unprofessional or unethical conduct which may result in disciplinary action.

(3) A summons issued in terms of subsection (1), must—

- (a) be in the prescribed form;
- (b) be signed by the Registrar or, in his or her absence, a member of the disciplinary committee; and
- (c) be served upon the person concerned personally or by sending it in the prescribed manner.

(4) A witness who has been summonsed in terms of subsection