

Afghanistan War Commission Commission Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest

The Afghanistan War Commission is committed to the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct.

Consistent with the Commission's mandate, commissioners and staff comport themselves in accordance with the law and applicable Senate ethics rules. More broadly, as members of an independent, bipartisan Commission, they conduct engagements at all times with integrity, intellectual honesty, diligence, and fair dealing.

As commissioners and staff draw on their deep, existing expertise on the Afghanistan war to guide and inform the Commission's activities, they recognize the need to avoid appearance issues that may subject the Commission's work to criticisms of bias or conflict of interest.

Accordingly, individual commissioners and staff will recuse themselves from evaluating work they performed in prior government service. They will not play a primary role in the interview of any individual with whom they have, or during a relevant period had, a close personal or professional relationship.

Questions about the application of these principles in specific cases will be resolved by the Commission's general counsel.