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This chapter addresses the duties of the judge presiding at trial and the restrictions on his or her conduct in the presence of the jury. Specifically, this chapter covers the trial judge's duty of impartiality, disqualification of the trial judge when his or her impartiality might reasonably be questioned, control of the proceedings, and maintaining order and security in the courtroom (including closure of the courtroom and the restraint and removal of the defendant, witnesses, and spectators).