

## Differences Between Eligibility of Judge and Witness

Ref: *Sefer Shoftim, Hilchot Edut, Chapter 16*

In the same way as a person may not testify if he has a vested interest in the matter, so he may not act as a judge in such a case.

Similarly with the other ineligibilities - they also disqualify him as a judge e.g. 2 judges who are related may not serve in the *Sanhedrin* together.

	Fit to act as witness	Fit to act as Judge
Fit to act as judge	✓	
Friends	✓	×
Enemies	✓	×
Converts	✓	×
Freed slaves	✓	×
Elderly	✓	× in capital cases
Sterile	✓	× in capital cases
<i>Mamzer</i>	✓	× in capital cases
Blind in one eye	✓	× in capital cases

With the judges who meet to declare a leap year, it does not matter if the 3 added ones are related to each other.