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If allegations are true judge's perceived bias would have chilling effect on some litigants: lawyer

Queen's Law Professor Leslie Green says he is waiting for word from the Canadian Judicial Council about whether they intend to investigate the allegations that Justice David Spiro of the Tax Court of Canada improperly interfered in the hiring process at the University of Toronto's International Human Rights Program.

Green made the complaint after reading media reports that Spiro had allegedly pressured Dean of Law Edward lacobucci to reverse a job offer made to an academic because of her scholarship related to Israel's human rights abuses against Palestinians.

"I thought, that's as wrong as it can possibly get if it's true," says Green, who holds a part-time appointment as professor of law and is a distinguished university fellow at Queen's. Green is also a professor of the philosophy of law and fellow of Balliol College, Oxford and teaches in the areas of jurisprudence, constitutional theory, and moral and political philosophy.

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