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Rychetský's conflict of interest



Yesterday we wrote about the [strategic forgetfulness of Chief Justice Pavel Rychetský](#) of the Constitutional Court when he is taking revenge on someone who got in the way of his scheme to stack the judiciary with his friends. Today we write about his strategic forgetfulness in addressing conflicts of interest. He told [Václav Moravec of Czech TV on Sun.](#) that a justice minister must recuse him- or herself for bias if he or she has decision-making power in a case affecting his or her legal practice. The target of his comments both times was Marie Benešová. Rychetský's own situation is different but similar. As we wrote in [Sept. 2017](#), he was the Constitutional Court's rapporteur for a [landmark freedom-of-information ruling that went in ČEZ's favor](#). Representing ČEZ was lawyer Radek Pokorný, who trained under Rychetský and [refers to him publicly as his mentor](#). If Rychetský didn't trade in double standards, he would seek to have the ČEZ decision reviewed by disinterested justices.

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