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No Rulebook for Stepping Aside

Supreme Court Says Recusal Is a Judge's Call, Not a Constitutional Mandate

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In a firm and final word, the Supreme Court on Friday turned down a plea asking it to write a rulebook for when judges should recuse themselves. The bench, comprising Justices Abhay S. Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan, didn't mince words: "Recusal is a matter of individual discretion. Article 142 is not a tool for issuing guidelines on it." With that, the petition was dismissed. The petitioner, undeterred by a previous...

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