

MODULE 1 ETHICS MOMENT

Relevant Model Code of Ethics for Judges and Court Administrators

Excerpted from the American Bar Association Model Code of Judicial Conduct and Model Code of Conduct for Court Professionals adopted by National Association of Court Management

Note: 37 states and the District of Columbia have adopted changes to their code; 8 states - Alaska, Illinois, Louisiana, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Vermont have established committees to review their code; Mississippi has proposed final revisions to their Judicial Code.

PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES

Judicial Canon 1.1: Compliance with the Law. A judge shall comply with the law, including the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Court Professional Canon 1.1: Performing Court Duties. A court professional faithfully carries out all appropriately assigned duties, striving at all times to perform the work diligently, efficiently, equitably, thoroughly, courteously, honestly, openly, and within the scope of the court professional's authority.

AVOIDING IMPROPRIETY

Judicial Canon 1.2: Promoting Confidence in the Judiciary. A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.

Court Professional Canon 1.2: Avoiding Impropriety. A court professional avoids both impropriety and the appearance of impropriety. This includes avoiding improper influences from business, family, position, party, or person, as well as avoiding activities that would impugn the dignity of the court.