

MODULE 3 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.

SUPERVISION

Judicial Canon 2.4: External Influences on Judicial Conduct. (B) A judge shall not permit family, social, political, financial, or other interests or relationships to influence the judge's judicial conduct or judgment.

Judicial Canon 2.12: Supervisory duties. (A) A judge shall require court staff, court officials, and others subject to the judge's direction and control to act in a manner consistent with the judge's obligations under this Code.

Court Professional Canon 2.2: Personal Relationships. A court professional recruits, selects, and advances personnel based on demonstrated knowledge, skills, abilities, and bona fide work-related factors, not on favoritism.

REPORTING MISCONDUCT

Judicial Canon 2.15: Responding to Judicial or Lawyer Misconduct. (A) A judge having knowledge that another judge has committed a violation of this Code that raises a substantial question regarding the judge's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a judge in other respects shall inform the appropriate authority.

Judicial Canon 2.15: Cooperation with Disciplinary Authorities. (A) A judge shall cooperate and be candid and honest with judicial and lawyer disciplinary agencies.

Court Professional Canon 2.3: Attempts at Influence. A court professional immediately reports to the appropriate authority any attempt to compel one to violate these Canons.

Court Professional Canon 2.3: Misconduct of Others. Court professionals expect their fellow professionals to abide by the Canons set out in this code.