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STANDARDS FOR PUBLICATION OF OPINIONS

Rule 5-2

Rules of the Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals
OPINIONS

- (a) SUPREME COURT SIGNED OPINIONS. All signed opinions of the Supreme Court shall be designated for publication.
- (b) COURT OF APPEALS OPINION FORM. Opinions of the Court of Appeals may be in conventional form or in memorandum form. They shall be filed with the Clerk. The opinions need not contain a detailed statement of the facts, but may set forth only such matters as may be necessary to an understandable discussion of the errors urged. In appeals from decisions of the Arkansas Board of Review in unemployment compensation cases, when the Court finds the decision appealed from is supported by substantial evidence, that there is an absence of fraud, no error of law appears in the record and an opinion would have no precedential value, the order may be affirmed without opinion.
- (c) COURT OF APPEALS PUBLISHED OPIN-IONS. Opinions of the Court of Appeals which resolve novel or unusual questions will be released for publication when the opinions are announced and filed with the Clerk. The Court of Appeals may consider the question of whether to publish an opinion at its decision-making conference and at that time, if appropriate, make a tentative decision not to publish. Concurring and dissenting opinions will be published only if the majority opinion is published. All opinions that are not to be published shall be marked "Not Designated For Publication."
- (d) COURT OF APPEALS UNPUBLISHED OPIN-IONS. Opinions of the Court of Appeals not designated for publication shall not be published in the *Arkansas Reports* and shall not be cited, quoted, or referred to by any court or in any argument, brief, or other materials presented to any court (except in continuing or related litigation upon an issue such as res judicata, collateral estoppel, or law of the case). Opinions not

designated for publication shall be listed in the Arkansas Reports by case number, style, date, and disposition.

(e) COPIES OF ALL OPINIONS. — In every case the Clerk will furnish, without charge, one typewritten copy of all of the Court's published or unpublished opinions in the case to counsel for every party on whose behalf a separate brief was filed. The charge for additional copies is fixed by statute.

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APPENDIX Rules Adopted or Amended by Per Curiam Orders

IN RE: BOARD OF CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER EXAMINERS

82-283

852 S.W.2d 317

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered May 3, 1993

PER CURIAM. Section 7 of the Rule Providing for Certification of Court Reporters is amended to include the following definitions: "Revoke a certificate" means to unconditionally prohibit the conduct authorized by the certificate. "Suspend a certificate" means to prohibit, whether absolutely or subject to conditions which are reasonably related to the grounds for suspension, for a defined period of time, the conduct authorized by the certificate.

The Court hereby republishes Section 7 of the Rule Providing for Certification of Court Reporters in its entirety as amended.

SECTION 7

REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION

(a) GENERALLY. The Board for good cause shown after a hearing by the Board, may revoke or suspend any certificate issued by the Board. The Board's decision may be appealed de novo to Circuit Court.

(b) DEFINITIONS.

- 1. "Revoke a certificate" means to unconditionally prohibit the conduct authorized by the certificate.
- 2. "Suspend a certificate" means to prohibit, whether absolutely or subject to conditions which are reasonably related to the grounds for suspension, for a defined period of time, the conduct authorized by the certificate.
- (c) SUBPOENAS. The Board has the authority to issue subpoenas for any witness(es), and for the production of papers, books, accounts, documents, records, or other evidence and testimony relevant to a hearing held pursuant to Section 7, upon the request of any party. Such process shall be issued by and under the seal of the Board and be signed by the Chair or the

Executive Secretary. The subpoenas shall be served in any manner provided by the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure for service of process. The Board shall provide for its use a seal of such design as it may deem appropriate. The Circuit Court of Pulaski County shall have the power to enforce process. (Amended April 13, 1992)

IN RE: BOARD OF CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER EXAMINERS

82-283

852 S.W.2d 317

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered May 3, 1993

PER CURIAM. By per curiam order dated July 5, 1983, the Court established the Arkansas Supreme Court Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners and directed that they promulgate relevant regulations for approval by the Court.

On September 26, 1983 the Court approved the Regulations submitted by the Board and has since approved various amendments, the last on July 1, 1991.

On April 9, 1993, the Board filed a Motion once more to amend Sections 9, 12, and 17 of Regulations. Pursuant to Section 3G of the Rule Providing for Certification of Court Reporters, the Court approves and adopts those amendments as recommended effective this date.

The Court hereby republishes Regulations 9, 12, and 17 in their entirety as amended.

Section 9. A reporter's certification will immediately expire if the \$20.00 certificate renewal fee is not remitted to the Clerk of the Supreme Court on or before January 1 of each year. An expired certificate shall be reinstated without examination, within 120 days of the date the certificate expired for failure to timely renew, upon application and payment of a \$100.00 penalty fee as well as the \$20.00 renewal fee. Otherwise, the certificate shall be suspended but may be reinstated during the remainder of the

calendar year in which the certificate expired for failure to timely renew, if the Board finds, based on a sworn affidavit(s) or other credible evidence, that the applicant has retained the professional skills required for original certification and has paid all delinquent renewal and penalty fees. After December 31 of the calendar year in which the certificate expired, an expired certificate shall not be subject to renewal without examination. (Amended July 1, 1991).

Section 12. At the discretion of the Board, any eligible applicant not certified pursuant to the per curiam order of the Supreme Court of Arkansas, dated July 5, 1983, or any eligible applicant who is certified in another state, may be granted a single, non-renewable temporary certificate to enable said applicant to work. The applicant for a temporary certificate must also timely apply to test and must test on the next scheduled examination date. The temporary certificate issued shall expire fourteen days after a reporter receiving such a certificate has had one opportunity to pass the examination. The certificate shall reflect the expiration date on its face as well as the method of reporting (Amended February 24, 1986) (Amended July 1, 1991)

Applicants for temporary certificates will be considered by the Board only if the applicant meets the following requirements:

- a. The applicant has been granted a diploma or equivalent from a court reporting school which is recognized and accepted by the Board, or
- b. the applicant has completed one year's continuous work experience in court reporting in a state which does not require certification, or
- c. the applicant has been certified as a court reporter in a sister state, or by the National Shorthand Reporters' Association, or by the National Stenomask Verbatim Reporters' Association.

Section 17. The Board shall maintain a file containing names and pertinent information on all individuals who have been certified, including all verbatim notes or records, transcripts, and other papers used in connection with testing.

It shall be the responsibility of the certified court reporter to provide the Office of the Supreme Court Clerk with written notification of any change of address within fourteen (14) working days.

For the purposes of these regulations, written notification by certified or first class mail to the most recent address provided to the Office of the Clerk shall be deemed sufficient.

IN RE: JOHN F. BUERGLER Arkansas Bar No. 72118

851 S.W.2d 453

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered May 3, 1993

PER CURIAM. On recommendation of the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, we hereby accept the surrender of the license of John F. Buergler to practice law in the State of Arkansas.

IN RE: PROCEDURES REGULATING PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF ATTORNEYS AT LAW AND THE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

852 S.W.2d 317

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered May 3, 1993

PER CURIAM. By per curiam dated July 16, 1990, this court adopted revised rules of procedures entitled "Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys At Law." Section 7 labeled "Sanctions" of those rules authorized the Professional Conduct Committee to temporarily transfer an attorney to inactive status for seven different reasons, one of which includes Section 7 G(1)(g) which reads, "Without cause, the attorney requests to be transferred to a voluntary inactive status." Prior to July 16, 1990, this voluntary inactive status had not been authorized. Section 8A of those revised rules

provides for an annual license fee for each attorney "actively licensed" to practice law in this state; no mention was made of imposing a license fee upon an attorney who was allowed to go on voluntary inactive status.

By per curiam dated May 18, 1992, styled "IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS," the court adopted rules governing admission to the Bar, and Rule VII of those rules duplicated the attorney license fee subject matter already contained in Section 8 of the Professional Conduct Committee's revised rules. Rule VII also failed to mention the imposition of a license fee upon an attorney on voluntary inactive status.

To avoid duplicity, the court hereby deletes Section 8 from the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law, so licensing fees and related matters will be controlled only under Rule VII of the rules governing admission to this Bar adopted by the court on May 18, 1992. Provided, however, Rule VII A should provide for reduced license fees for attorneys on voluntary inactive status; therefore, Rule VII A is amended to read as follows:

A. LICENSE FEE. An annual license fee as set by the court, from time to time, shall be imposed upon each attorney actively licensed to practice law in this State. An annual license fee in an amount equal to fifty per centum (50%) of the fee required for an actively licensed attorney is hereby imposed upon each attorney licensed in this State who has transferred to voluntary inactive status pursuant to subsection G.(1)(g) of Section 7 of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law. The fee shall be paid annually to the clerk of the Arkansas Supreme Court. The amount shall be payable January 1 of each year, and must be paid not later than March 1 of each year. Funds thus realized shall be used as ordered by the Supreme Court of the State of Arkansas.

IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL IN CRIMINAL CASES

852 S.W.2d 324

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered May 17, 1993

PER CURIAM. Because appellants in criminal cases are entitled to counsel on direct appeal from a judgment of conviction, this Court on occasion must appoint attorneys to represent indigent appellants. Attorneys who are desirous of such appointments should register with Sue Newbery, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Arkansas Supreme Court, Justice Building, 625 Marshall St., Little Rock, AR 72201. Counsel will be paid a fee after determination of the case, upon a proper motion.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS: Arkansas Bar Association Recommendation to Adopt the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered June 7, 1993

PER CURIAM. The Arkansas Bar Association filed a Petition on November 2, 1992, requesting that this court adopt a requirement that successful completion of the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (hereafter MPRE) should be a condition for admission to the Bar of Arkansas. On December 7, 1992, by per curiam order, this court referred the petition to the Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners for review, comment, and recommendation.

The Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners has now reported and presented this court with the following information:

- 1. The MPRE is a two-hour test composed of 50 multiple choice questions. Presently, 42 states have adopted the MPRE as an element of their bar admission process.
 - 2. The test is given nationwide during the months of March,

August, and November of each year. The MPRE is not given at any site in Arkansas. The Board was assured by representatives of the National Conference of Bar Examiners (hereinafter NCBE) that in the event this court adopted MPRE as a prerequisite for admission to the Bar of Arkansas, an Arkansas test center would be established.

- 3. The test examination fee currently is \$35.00 (\$75.00 for late applicants). All matters pertaining to collection of the examination fee, processing of applications, development of the examination, establishment of test sites, conduct of the MPRE, and reporting of results are the responsibility of the NCBE and the American College Testing Center. Some additional administrative responsibilities will be placed on the Executive Secretary of the Board, primarily in the form of record-keeping.
- 4. The MPRE is based on the American Bar Association Model Rules of Professional Conduct which were initially promulgated in 1983. This court has adopted those Model Rules by way of per curiam orders dated December 16, 1985, and April 16, 1990. In those per curiam orders, there were some minor modifications to the American Bar Association proposal. Appropriate representatives of both Arkansas law schools have assured the Board that these variations will not materially affect the performance of their students on the MPRE.
- 5. The MPRE allocates approximately 15% of the test content to the American Bar Association Code of Judicial Conduct. Adoption of a revised Code is presently under consideration by this court. The Board has been advised that the School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville includes the Code of Judicial Conduct in its Legal Profession course. The School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) does not presently cover that Code in great detail. In the event the MPRE is adopted, the UALR law school will incorporate the Code of Judicial Conduct in its curriculum.
- 6. A majority of states allow the MPRE to be taken after the bar exam but before admission. A minority of states requires successful completion of the MPRE as a prerequisite to sitting for the bar exam.
- 7. Passing scale scores among the states range from 72 to 85 with the predominant passing scale score being 75.

8. The period of time during which an MPRE score remains valid varies widely among the states, from one year to indefinitely.

The Board recommends that this court implement the MPRE.

This court is of the opinion that incorporation of the MPRE in the bar admission process is appropriate. Such a requirement would emphasize, at an early stage, the importance of ethics in the legal profession. We, therefore, adopt the following:

- 1. Passage of the MPRE shall be a prerequisite to sitting for the Arkansas Bar Exam, effective as of the July 1995 bar exam.
- 2. A passing score shall be a 75% scaled score, and an applicant shall be allowed to retain or transfer an MPRE score for a period of up to three years.
- 3. Any law school student, in Arkansas or outside the state, may take the MPRE at any time prior to graduation at any site where the exam is offered.
- 4. There is no limit to the number of times that an applicant may take the MPRE without passing. Further, failure on the general Arkansas Bar Examination will not invalidate a prior successful MPRE score, subject to the three (3) year retention or transfer period mentioned in paragraph (2) of this section.

We are requiring successful completion of the MPRE before taking the Arkansas Bar Exam because to do otherwise would leave the Board with applicants who had passed the general Arkansas Bar Exam but who would not be certified to the clerk for admission to the Bar due to failure to complete the MPRE successfully.

The delay in the effective date for the MPRE is necessary to give the Executive Secretary of the Board an opportunity to notify all American Bar Association accredited law schools of adoption of the MPRE as a condition for admission to the Bar of Arkansas.

Rule IX of the Arkansas Rules Governing Admission to the Bar is amended to read as follows in order to incorporate the MPRE:

IX.

EXAMINATION — SUBJECTS — PASSING GRADE

A. GENERAL EXAMINATION

All examinations shall be in writing and shall cover the subjects hereinafter listed and such other subjects as the Board may direct, subject to prior Court approval.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

This subject heading may include corporations, partner-ships, agency and master-servant relationships.

COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

This subject heading may include the general coverage of the U.C.C. This will not include the general subject of contracts and will not include matters relating to warranties under product liability, both of which may be covered under other headings.

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

This subject heading may include constitutional law as it applies to criminal law and procedure.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

This subject heading may include both the Arkansas Constitution and the Constitution of the United States. This subject will not be primarily directed to matters relating to criminal law and procedure.

TORTS

This subject heading may include the entire field of Tort law and questions concerning product liability.

PROPERTY

This subject heading may include the law of real property and, or, personal property. Emphasis here should not be placed on the U.C.C. and other such questions arising primarily under the subject heading "Commercial Transactions."

WILLS, ESTATES, TRUSTS

Because of the broad scope of this subject heading, questions concerning taxation shall not be covered. Guardianship of both the person and the estate may be included.

EVIDENCE PRACTICE, PROCEDURE & ETHICS

This subject heading may include both state and federal trial and appellate practice and, where applicable, remedies and choice of forum. This subject may include all Arkansas Supreme Court Rules and Regulations concerning legal or judicial ethics.

EQUITY AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CONTRACTS

This subject heading should place emphasis upon the traditional basics of contract law. Only where duplication cannot be avoided, should matters such as the application of the Uniform Commercial Code be covered under this heading.

NOTE: Conflict of Laws is not included as a separate subject on the examination. However, conflict questions may arise in the subjects included on the examination and should be recognized as such.

Applicants must make a combined average grade of 75 percent on all subjects in order to pass.

The Board shall destroy all examination papers, including questions and answers, at the time of the next succeeding bar examination. However, the original copy of each question shall be maintained in accordance with Rule III G(3).

A bar examination applicant may elect to retain either the applicant's average Arkansas essay score or the applicant's multistate bar examination scale score for use in the next bar examination following the bar examination in which those scores were achieved. In addition, an applicant may transfer from another jurisdiction the multistate bar examination scale score the applicant obtained from the immediately preceding examination.

B. MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION

The provisions of Section A of this rule, titled GENERAL EXAMINATION, and the provisions of Rules II and IV of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar shall govern the semiannual general examinations conducted by the Arkansas State Board of Law Examiners.

As a prerequisite to being allowed to take the general examination, each applicant shall be required to obtain a scaled score of 75% or more on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination. This score shall be considered independent of the combined average grade as set out in Rule IV of these rules and Section A of this Rule. Any applicant, in Arkansas or out of state, may take the MPRE at any time prior to graduation at any site where the exam is offered. Individuals who successfully complete the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination are allowed to retain their passing score or transfer such passing score from another jurisdiction for a period not exceeding three years from the date upon which the individual took the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination. There is no limit on the number of times that an applicant may take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination without passing. (Per Curiam Order, November 1, 1971; Amended by Per Curiam Order, June 18, 1984; Amended by Per Curiam Order, April 4, 1988; Amended by Per Curiam Order, May 18, 1992; Amended by Per Curiam Order June 7, 1993.)

IN RE BELATED CRIMINAL APPEALS; Notice of Appeal Prior to Judgment

856 S.W.2d 9

Supreme Court of Arkansas
Substituted opinion delivered June 21, 1993¹

PER CURIAM. The following opinion is substituted for the one with the same style delivered on June 14, 1993:

In Kelly v. Kelly, 310 Ark. 244, 835 S.W.2d 869 (1992), it was held that Ark. R. App. P. 4. clearly requires that, to be effective, a notice of appeal must be filed after, and not before, entry of judgment. It was also made clear by the overruling of State v. Joshua, 307 Ark. 79, 818 S.W.2d 249 (1991), that the Rule applies in criminal cases.

In *Tucker* v. *State*, 311 Ark. 446, 844 S.W.2d 335 (1993), we held that the confusion resulting from the overruling of *State* v. *Joshua*, *supra*, would constitute a ground for petitioning for a belated appeal.

We give notice that, in view of the fact that our interpretation of the Rule has been a matter of record since July 13, 1992, (the date of the *Kelly* v. *Kelly* decision), we will not consider the overruling of *State* v. *Joshua*, *supra*, as a ground for belated appeal except in cases in which the judgment of conviction was entered prior to July 1, 1993.

¹ Original opinion delivered June 14, 1993.

IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND THE RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE TO INCLUDE WARRANTLESS ARREST PROCEDURES IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered June 21, 1993

PER CURIAM. The Petition to Amend the Rules of Criminal Procedure to Include a Warrantless Arrest Procedure for Domestic Violence Cases to conform with statutes enacted by the Arkansas General Assembly [Ark. Code Ann. §§ 16-81-106, 16-81-113 (Supp. 1991)] is referred to the Committee on Criminal Practice for further review, comment, and recommendation. The court understands that the Criminal Practice Committee currently has this matter under review.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSOLIDATION OF COURT BUSINESS AND PROGRAMS WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

855 S.W.2d 338

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered June 28, 1993

PER CURIAM. Act 496 of 1965 created the Arkansas Judicial Department and placed it under the authority of the Chief Justice as the chief administrative officer of the courts to be assisted by an executive secretary. By Act 760 of 1989, § 1, general superintending control over the administration of justice was placed in the Arkansas Supreme Court, and the Chief Justice was made responsible for efficient operation of the judicial branch. Section 2 of Act 760 redesignated the Judicial Department as the Administrative Office of the Courts and created the position of Director of that Office. Act 760 is presently codified as Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-102 (Supp. 1991).

At the time Act 760 was passed it was the intention of the Supreme Court to have a court administration office with central authority to administer the Court's programs. The Act lists a

number of specific duties of the Director, and it includes in § 2(9) the following: "Attend to the other nonjudicial business of the judicial branch under such rules and regulations as the Supreme Court may by order adopt."

Many administrative functions have indeed been undertaken by the Administrative Office of the Courts and its Director. We have not, however, placed all administrative matters under that agency. We have dealt separately, and in a way that consumes too much time, with several agencies and a large number of committees for which we are responsible. The agencies and committees are essential to our work, but our case load is such that we are unable to devote the time necessary to oversee the many budgetary and administrative details which accompany their operations.

Some committee administration has been undertaken by our Director of Professional Programs whose office has remained separate from the Administrative Office of the Courts. See In the Matter of the Appointment of the Director of Professional Programs, 296 Ark. 588, 750 S.W.2d LXVII (1988). The primary job of the Director of Professional Programs is administration of our mandatory continuing legal education program along with the bar examination. See In re: Arkansas Bar Association Rules and Regulations for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, 303 Ark. 701, 792 S.W.2d 875 (1990).

Our Committee on Professional Conduct, with a budget made up of funds from dues paid by members of the Bar of Arkansas, has operated as a separate office under an Executive Secretary. See In the Matter of Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law, 303 Ark. 725, 792 S.W.2d 323 (1990); and In the Matter of Supreme Court License Fees, 251 Ark. 800, 483 S.W.2d 174 (1972).

In addition, the Supreme Court Library is a Court operation with a substantial budget which has operated separately, and as with our other agencies, we want it to have adequate administrative support.

All Supreme Court Committees, the Supreme Court Library, and the Director of Professional Programs will hereafter operate under the Administrative Office of the Courts and subject

to the administrative authority of the Director of that Office. We do not place the constitutional offices of Supreme Court Reporter and Supreme Court Clerk, see Ark. Const. art. 7, § 7, under the Administrative Office of the Courts. They will remain directly responsible to the Supreme Court although we may choose to transfer certain administrative functions which have been handled by the Clerk to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

IN RE: CAMERAS IN THE COURTROOM; Administrative Order Number 6

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered July 5, 1993

PER CURIAM. The Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct published by this Court in 1988 is being replaced by separate per curiam order of this date. The former Code contained provisions regulating broadcasting, photographing, and recording court proceedings. The Code as published this date contains no such provisions. We, therefore, promulgate the following as Administrative Order Number 6. which shall be effective this date.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6

BROADCASTING, RECORDING, OR PHOTOGRAPHING IN THE COURTROOM

- (a). APPLICATION EXCEPTION. This Order shall apply to all courts, circuit, chancery, probate, municipal, and appellate, but it shall not apply to the juvenile division of chancery court as set out below.
- (b). AUTHORIZATION. A judge may authorize broadcasting, recording, or photographing in the courtroom and areas immediately adjacent thereto during sessions of court, recesses between sessions, and on other occasions, provided that the participants will not be distracted, nor will the dignity of the proceedings be impaired.
- (c). EXCEPTIONS. The following exceptions shall apply:
 - (1) An objection timely made by a party or an attorney shall

preclude broadcasting, recording, or photographing of the proceedings;

- (2) The court shall inform witnesses of their right to refuse to be broadcast, recorded, or photographed, and an objection timely made by a witness shall preclude broadcasting, recording or photographing of that witness;
- (3) All matters in the juvenile division of the chancery court as well as the chancery and probate court hearings in domestic relations matters, e.g., adoptions, guardianships, divorce, custody, support, and paternity shall not be subject to broadcasting, recording, or photographing;
- (4) In camera proceedings shall not be broadcast, recorded, or photographed except with consent of the court;
- (5) Jurors, minors without parental or guardian consent, victims in cases involving sexual offenses, and undercover police agents or informants shall not be broadcast, recorded or photographed.
- (d). PROCEDURE. The broadcasting, recording, or photographing of any court proceeding shall comply with the following rules:
- (1) The court shall direct that the news media representatives enter into a pooling arrangement for the broadcasting, recording, or photographing of a trial. Any representative of a news medium wanting to broadcast, record, or photograph court proceedings shall present to the court a written statement agreeing to share with other media representatives. The media pool shall select one of its members to serve as pool coordinator. The media pool shall establish its own procedures, not inconsistent with these rules or with the wishes of the court, and the pool coordinator shall arbitrate any problems that arise. If a problem arises that requires the assistance of the court, the pool coordinator alone shall be responsible for coordinating with the court. A plan for the placement of the broadcast equipment shall be prepared and filed by the pool coordinator, subject to the final approval of the court.
- (2) The court shall retain ultimate control of the application of these rules over the broadcasting, recording, or photographing of a trial. Decisions made as to the details are final and are not

subject to appeal. The court may in its discretion terminate the broadcasting, recording, or photographing at any time. Such a decision should not be made in an effort to edit the proceedings but only as one necessary in the interest of justice.

- (3) The media pool may have two cameras in the courtroom during the course of a trial. One camera shall be used for still photography, and one camera shall be used for television photography. Both cameras shall remain in stationary positions outside the bar of the courtroom. Videotape recording and other electronic equipment not a component part of the cameras shall be located in an area remote from the courtroom to be designated by the court.
- (4) One additional audio system for radio broadcasting shall be permitted provided that all microphones and related essential wiring will be unobtrusive and located in places designated in advance by the basic courtroom plan. The pool coordinator shall permit the installation of a pickup distribution box to be located outside the courtroom area to allow additional agencies access to the audio feed.
- (5) Only television or photographic equipment that does not require distracting sound or light shall be employed to cover court proceedings. No artificial lighting device shall be employed in connection with television cameras. Any court approved alterations in existing lighting or wiring shall be accomplished by and at the expanse of the media pool.
- (6) Camera and audio equipment shall be installed or removed only when the court is not in session. Film changes shall not be made while court is in session. No audio equipment shall be used to record conversations between attorneys and clients or conversations between attorneys and the court held outside the hearing of the jury.
- (e). CONTEMPT. Failure to abide by any provision of this Order can result in a citation for contempt against the news representative and his or her agency.

IN RE: James Michael HANKINS Arkansas Bar No. 81235

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered July 5, 1993

PER CURIAM. On recommendation of the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, we hereby accept the surrender of the license of James Michael Hankins to practice law in the State of Arkansas.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered July 5, 1993

PER CURIAM. We adopt, effective this date, the revised Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct which is published herewith, and we simultaneously repeal the existing Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct.

On June 28, 1991, the Arkansas Bar Association Committee on the Model Code of Judicial Conduct petitioned this court to adopt its proposed Arkansas Code of Judicial Conduct which amends our present Code of Judicial Conduct. We published notice that the proposed Code had been filed by Per Curiam Order dated July 8, 1991, and we solicited comment from the bench and bar.

On November 16, 1992, we published notice that we have revised the Arkansas Bar Association Committee's proposed Code, and we solicited comment again from the bench and bar.

On February 1, 1993, we published the specific revisions we had made to the proposed Code presented to us by the Arkansas Bar Association Committee.

We note one change in the Code published this date from that made available for comment on November 16, 1992. We have deleted proposed Canon 3B(7)(d) and relettered the one successive subparagraph. The deleted subparagraph reads: (d) A judge may, with the consent of all parties and their lawyers, confer separately with the parties and their lawyers in an effort to mediate or settle matters pending before the judge.

Comments received on the proposed subparagraph raised the spectre that a judge's participation in settlement conferences may erode the perception of judicial impartiality, should the matter not be settled but go to trial. We urge the Arkansas Bar Association Committee on the Model Code of Judicial Conduct to give this one subparagraph additional consideration in light of the comments received.

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CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT PREAMBLE

Our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us. The role of the judiciary is central to American concepts of justice and the rule of law. Intrinsic to all sections of this Code are the precepts that judges, individually and collectively, must respect and honor the judicial office as a public trust and strive to enhance and maintain confidence in our legal system. The judge is an arbiter of facts and law for the resolution of disputes and a highly visible symbol of government under the rule of law.

The Code of Judicial Conduct is intended to establish standards for ethical conduct of judges. It consists of broad statements called Canons, specific rules set forth in Sections under each Canon, a Terminology Section, an Application Section and Commentary. The text of the Canons and the Sections, including the Terminology and Application Sections, is authoritative. The Commentary, by explanation and example, provides guidance with respect to the purpose and meaning of the Canons and Sections. The Commentary is not intended as a statement of additional rules. When the text uses "shall" or "shall not," it is intended to impose binding obligations the violation of which can result in disciplinary action. When "should" or "should not" is used, the text is intended as hortatory and as a statement of what is or is not appropriate conduct but not as a binding rule under which a judge may be disciplined. When "may" is used, it denotes permissible discretion or, depending on the context, it refers to action that is not covered by specific proscriptions.

The Canons and Sections are rules of reason. They should be applied consistent with constitutional requirements, statutes, other court rules and decisional law and in the context of all relevant circumstances. The Code is to be construed so as not to impinge on the essential independence of judges in making judicial decisions.

The Code is designed to provide guidance to judges and candidates for judicial office and to provide a structure for regulating conduct through disciplinary agencies. It is not designed or intended as a basis for civil liability or criminal prosecution. Furthermore, the purpose of the Code would be subverted if the Code were invoked by lawyers for mere tactical advantage in a proceeding.

The text of the Canons and Sections is intended to govern conduct of judges and to be binding upon them. It is not intended, however, that every transgression will result in disciplinary action. Whether disciplinary action is appropriate, and the degree of discipline to be imposed, should be determined through a reasonable and reasoned application of the text and should depend on such factors as the seriousness of the transgression, whether there is a pattern of improper activity and the effect of the improper activity on others or on the judicial system.

The Code of Judicial Conduct is not intended as an exhaustive guide for the conduct of judges. They should also be governed in their judicial and personal conduct by general ethical standards. The Code is intended, however, to state basic standards which should govern the conduct of all judges and to provide guidance to assist judges in establishing and maintaining high standards of judicial and personal conduct.

TERMINOLOGY

Terms explained below are noted with an asterisk (*) in the Sections where they appear. In addition, the Sections where terms appear are referred to after the explanation of each term below.

"Appropriate authority" denotes the authority with responsibility for initiation of disciplinary process with respect to the violation to be reported. See Sections 3D(1) and 3D(2).

"Candidate." A candidate is a person seeking selection for or retention in judicial office by election or appointment. A person becomes a candidate for judicial office as soon as he or she makes a public announcement of candidacy, declares or files as a candidate with the election or appointment authority, or authorizes solicitation or acceptance of contributions or support. The term "candidate" has the same meaning when applied to a judge seeking election or appointment to non-judicial office. See Preamble and Sections 5A, 5B, 5C and 5E.

"Continuing part-time judge." A continuing part-time

judge is a judge who serves repeatedly on a part-time basis by election or under a continuing appointment, including a retired judge subject to recall who is permitted to practice law. See Application Section C.

"Court personnel" does not include the lawyers in a proceeding before a judge. See Sections 3B(7)(c) and 3B(9).

"De minimis" denotes an insignificant interest that could not raise reasonable question as to a judge's impartiality. See Sections 3E(1)(c) and 3E(1)(d).

"Economic interest" denotes ownership of a more than de minimis legal or equitable interest, or a relationship as officer, director, advisor or other active participant in the affairs of a party, except that:

- (i) ownership of an interest in a mutual or common investment fund that holds securities is not an economic interest in such securities unless the judge participates in the management of the fund or a proceeding pending or impending before the judge could substantially affect the value of the interest;
- (ii) service by a judge as an officer, director, advisor or other active participant in an educational, religious, charitable, fraternal or civic organization, or service by a judge's spouse, parent or child as an officer, director, advisor or other active participant in any organization does not create an economic interest in securities held by that organization;
- (iii) a deposit in a financial institution, the proprietary interest of a policy holder in a mutual insurance company, of a depositor in a mutual savings association or of a member in a credit union, or a similar proprietary interest, is not an economic interest in the organization unless a proceeding pending or impending before the judge could substantially affect the value of the interest;
- (iv) ownership of government securities is not an economic interest in the issuer unless a proceeding pending or impending before the judge could substantially affect the value of the securities.

See Sections 3E(1)(c) and 3E(2)

"Fiduciary" includes such relationships as executor, administrator, trustee, and guardian. See Sections 3E(2) and 4E.

"Knowingly," "knowledge," "known" or "knows" denotes actual knowledge of the fact in question. A person's knowledge may be inferred from circumstances. See Sections 3D, 3E(1), and 5A(3).

"Law" denotes court rules as well as statutes, constitutional provisions and decisional law. See Sections 2A, 3A, 3B(2), 3B(6), 4B, 4C, 4D(5), 4F, 4I, 5A(3), 5B(2), 5C(1), 5C(3) and 5D.

"Member of the candidate's family" denotes a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent or other relative or person with whom the candidate maintains a close familial relationship. See Section 5A(3)(a).

"Member of the judge's family" denotes a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, or other relative or person with whom the judge maintains a close familial relationship. See Sections 4D(3), 4E and 4G.

"Member of the judge's family residing in the judge's household" denotes any relative of a judge by blood or marriage, or a person treated by a judge as a member of the judge's family, who resides in the judge's household. See Sections 3E(1) and 4D(5).

"Nonpublic information" denotes information that, by law, is not available to the public. Nonpublic information may include but is not limited to: information that is sealed by statute or court order, impounded or communicated in camera; and information offered in grand jury proceedings, presentencing reports, dependency cases or psychiatric reports. See Section 3B(11).

"Periodic part-time judge." A periodic part-time judge is a judge who serves or expects to serve repeatedly on a part-time basis but under a separate appointment for each limited period of service or for each matter. See Application Section D.

"Political organization" denotes a political party or other group, the principal purpose of which is to further the election or appointment of candidates to political office. See Sections 5A(1), 5B(2) and 5C(1).

"Pro tempore part-time judge." A pro tempore part-time judge is a judge who serves or expects to serve once or only sporadically on a part-time basis under a separate appointment for each period of service or for each case heard. See Application Section E.

"Public election." This term includes primary and general elections; it includes partisan elections, nonpartisan elections and retention elections. See Section 5C.

"Require." The rules prescribing that a judge "require" certain conduct of others are, like all of the rules in this Code, rules of reason. The use of the term "require" in that context means a judge is to exercise reasonable direction and control over the conduct of those persons subject to the judge's direction and control. See Sections 3B(3), 3B(4), 3B(6), 3B(9) and 3C(2).

"Third degree of relationship." The following persons are relatives within the third degree of relationship: great-grandparent, grandparent, parent, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, child, grandchild, great-grandchild, nephew or niece. See Section 3E(1)(d).

CANON 1

A JUDGE SHALL UPHOLD THE INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY

A. An independent and honorable judiciary is indispensable to justice in our society. A judge should participate in establishing, maintaining and enforcing high standards of conduct, and shall personally observe those standards so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary will be preserved. The provisions of this Code are to be construed and applied to further that objective.

Commentary:

Deference to the judgments and rulings of courts depends upon public confidence in the integrity and independence of judges. The integrity and independence of judges depends in turn upon their acting without fear or favor. Although judges should be independent, they must comply with the law, including the provisions of this Code. Public confidence in the impartiality of the judiciary is maintained by the adherence of each judge to this responsibility. Conversely, violation of this Code diminishes public confidence in the judiciary and thereby does injury to the system of government under law.

CANON 2

A JUDGE SHALL AVOID IMPROPRIETY AND THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY IN ALL OF THE JUDGE'S ACTIVITIES

A. A judge shall respect and comply with the law* and shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.

Commentary:

Public confidence in the judiciary is eroded by irresponsible or improper conduct by judges. A judge must avoid all impropriety and appearance of impropriety. A judge must expect to be the subject of constant public scrutiny. A judge must therefore accept restrictions on the judge's conduct that might be viewed as burdensome by the ordinary citizen and should do so freely and willingly.

The prohibition against behaving with impropriety or the appearance of impropriety applies to both the professional and personal conduct of a judge. Because it is not practicable to list all prohibited acts, the proscription is necessarily cast in general terms that extend to conduct by judges that is harmful although not specifically mentioned in the Code. Actual improprieties under this standard include violations of law, court rules or other specific provisions of this Code. The test for appearance of impropriety is whether the conduct would create in reasonable minds a perception that the judge's ability to carry out judicial responsibilities with integrity, impartiality and competence is impaired.

See also Commentary under Section 2C.

B. A judge shall not allow family, social, political or other relationships to influence the judge's judicial conduct or judgment. A judge shall not lend the prestige of judicial office to

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

advance the private interests of the judge or others; nor shall a judge convey or permit others to convey the impression that they are in a special position to influence the judge. A judge shall not testify voluntarily as a character witness.

Commentary:

Maintaining the prestige of judicial office is essential to a system of government in which the judiciary functions independently of the executive and legislative branches. Respect for the judicial office facilitates the orderly conduct of legitimate judicial functions. Judges should distinguish between proper and improper use of the prestige of office in all of their activities. For example, it would be improper for a judge to allude to his or her judgeship to gain a personal advantage such as deferential treatment when stopped by a police officer for a traffic offense. Similarly, judicial letterhead must not be used to gain a personal advantage or to effect an economic advantage.

A judge must void lending the prestige of judicial office for the advancement of the private interests of others. For example, a judge must not use the judge's judicial position to gain advantage in a civil suit involving a member of the judge's family. In contracts for publication of a judge's writings, a judge should retain control over the advertising to avoid exploitation of the judge's office. As to the acceptance of awards, see Section 4D(5)(a) and Commentary.

Although a judge should be sensitive to possible abuse of the prestige of office, a judge may, based on the judge's personal knowledge, serve as a reference or provide a letter of recommendation. However, a judge must not initiate the communication of information to a sentencing judge or a probation or corrections officer but may provide to such persons information for the record in response to a formal request.

Judges may participate in the process of judicial selection by cooperating with appointing authorities and screening committees seeking names for consideration, and by responding to official inquiries concerning a person being considered for a judgeship. See also Canon 5 regarding use of a judge's name in political activities.

A judge must not testify voluntarily as a character witness

because to do so may lend the prestige of the judicial office in support of the party for whom the judge testifies. Moreover, when a judge testifies as a witness, a lawyer who regularly appears before the judge may be placed in the awkward position of cross-examining the judge. A judge may, however, testify when properly summoned. Except in unusual circumstances where the demands of justice require, a judge should discourage a party from requiring the judge to testify as a character witness.

C. A judge shall not hold membership in any organization that practices invidious discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.

Commentary:

Membership of a judge in an organization that practices invidious discrimination gives rise to perceptions that the judge's impartiality is impaired. Section 2C refers to the current practices of the organization. Whether an organization practices invidious discrimination is often a complex question to which judges should be sensitive. The answer cannot be determined from a mere examination of an organization's current membership rolls but rather depends on how the organization selects members and other relevant factors. An organization is generally said to discriminate invidiously if it arbitrarily excludes from membership on the basis of race, religion, sex or national origin persons who would otherwise be admitted to membership.

Although Section 2C relates only to membership in organizations that invidiously discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin, a judge's membership is an organization that engages in any discriminatory membership practices prohibited by state law also violates Canon 2 and Section 2A and gives the appearance of impropriety. In addition, it would be a violation of Canon 2 and Section 2A for a judge to arrange a meeting at a club that the judge knows practices invidious discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin in its membership or other policies, or for the judge to regularly use such a club.

A judge may ordinarily be a member of an organization which is in fact and effect an intimate, purely private organization whose membership limitations could not be constitutionally prohibited, even though that organization is a single sex or single

race organization. Likewise, a judge may ordinarily be a member of an organization which is dedicated to the preservation of religious, ethnic or cultural values of legitimate common interest to its members, even though in fact its membership is limited. Similarly, a judge may have or retain membership with a university related or other living group, even though its membership is single sex. However, public approval of, or participation in, any discrimination that gives the appearance of impropriety and diminishes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary violates this Code. For example, an organization that conducts lobbying or advocacy on behalf of its members may raise such concerns. Ultimately, each judge must determine in the judge's own conscience whether participation in such an organization violates Canon 2 and Section 2A.

When a person who is a judge on the date this Code becomes effective learns that an organization to which the judge belongs engages in invidious discrimination that would preclude membership under Section 2C or under Canon 2 and Section 2A, the judge is permitted, in lieu of resigning, to make immediate efforts to have the organization discontinue its invidiously discriminatory practices, but is required to suspend participation in any other activities of the organization. If the organization fails to discontinue its invidiously discriminatory practices as promptly as possible (and in all events within a year of the judge's first learning of the practices), the judge is required to resign immediately from the organization.

CANON 3

A JUDGE SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF JUDICIAL OFFICE IMPARTIALLY AND DILIGENTLY

A. Judicial Duties in General. The judicial duties of a judge take precedence over all the judge's other activities. The judge's judicial duties include all the duties of the judge's office prescribed by law.* In the performance of these duties, the following standards apply.

B. Adjudicative Responsibilities.

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

- (1) A judge shall hear and decide matters assigned to the judge except those in which disqualification is required.
- (2) A judge shall be faithful to the law* and maintain professional competence in it. A judge shall not be swayed by partisan interests, public clamor or fear of criticism.
- (3) A judge shall require* order and decorum in proceedings before the judge.
- (4) A judge shall be patient, dignified and courteous to litigants, jurors, witnesses, lawyers and others with whom the judge deals in an official capacity, and shall require* similar conduct of lawyers, and of staff, court officials and others subject to the judge's direction and control.

Commentary:

The duty to hear all proceedings fairly and with patience is not inconsistent with the duty to dispose promptly of the business of the court. Judges can be efficient and businesslike while being patient and deliberate.

(5) A judge shall perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice. A judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct manifest bias or prejudice, including but not limited to bias or prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, or national origin, and shall not permit staff, court officials and others subject to the judge's direction and control to do so.

Commentary:

A judge must refrain from speech, gestures or other conduct that could reasonably be perceived as sexual harassment and must require the same standard of conduct of others subject to the judge's direction and control.

A judge must perform judicial duties impartially and fairly. A judge who manifests bias on any basis in a proceeding impairs the fairness of the proceeding and brings the judiciary into disrepute. Facial expression and body language, in addition to oral communication, can give to parties or lawyers in the

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

^{*} See Terminology, "require."

proceeding, jurors, the media and others an appearance of judicial bias. A judge must be alert to avoid behavior that may be perceived as prejudicial.

- (6) A judge shall require* lawyers in proceedings before the judge to refrain from manifesting, by words or conduct, bias or prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, or national origin, or other similar factors, against parties, witnesses, counsel or others. This Section 3B(6) does not preclude legitimate advocacy when race, sex, religion, or national origin, or other similar factors, are issues in the proceeding.
- (7) A judge shall accord to every person who has a legal interest in a proceeding, or that person's lawyer, the right to be heard according to law.* A judge shall not initiate, permit, or consider ex parte communications, or consider other communications made to the judge outside the presence of the parties concerning a pending or impending proceeding except that:
 - (a) Where circumstances require, ex parte communication for scheduling, administrative purposes or emergencies that do not deal with substantive matters or issues on the merits are authorized provided:
 - (i) the judge reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication, and
 - (ii) the judge makes provision promptly to notify all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication and allows an opportunity to respond.
 - (b) A judge may obtain the advice of a disinterested expert on the law* applicable to a proceeding before the judge if the judge gives notice to the parties of the person consulted and the substance of the advice, and affords the parties reasonable opportunity to respond.
 - (c) A judge may consult with court personnel* whose function is to aid the judge in carrying out the judge's

^{*} See Terminology, "require."

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

^{*} See Terminology, "court personnel."

adjudicative responsibilities or with other judges.

(d) A judge may initiate or consider any ex parte communications when expressly authorized by law* to do so.

Commentary:

The proscription against communications concerning a proceeding includes communications from lawyers, law teachers, and other persons who are not participants in the proceeding, except to the limited extent permitted.

To the extent reasonably possible, all parties or their lawyers shall be included in communications with a judge.

Whenever presence of a party or notice to a party is required by Section 3B(7), it is the party's lawyer, or if the party is unrepresented the party who is to be present or to whom notice is to be given.

An appropriate and often desirable procedure for a court to obtain the advice of a disinterested expert on legal issues is to invite the expert to file a brief amicus curiae.

Certain ex parte communication is approved by Section 3B(7) to facilitate scheduling and other administrative purposes and to accommodate emergencies. In general, however, a judge must discourage ex parte communication and allow it only if all the criteria stated in Section 3B(7) are clearly met. A judge must disclose to all parties all ex parte communications described in Section 3B(7)(a) and 3B(7)(b) regarding a proceeding pending or impending before the judge.

A judge must not independently investigate facts in a case and must consider only the evidence presented.

A judge may request a party to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, so long as the other parties are apprised of the request and are given an opportunity to respond to the proposed findings and conclusions.

A judge must make reasonable efforts, including the provision of appropriate supervision, to ensure that Section 3B(7) is

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

not violated through law clerks or other personnel on the judge's staff.

If communication between the trial judge and the appellate court with respect to a proceeding is permitted, a copy of any written communication or the substance of any oral communication should be provided to all parties.

(8) A judge shall dispose of all judicial matters promptly, efficiently and fairly.

Commentary:

In disposing of matters promptly, efficiently and fairly, a judge must demonstrate due regard for the rights of the parties to be heard and to have issues resolved without unnecessary cost or delay. Containing costs while preserving fundamental rights of parties also protects the interests of witnesses and the general public. A judge should monitor and supervise cases so as to reduce or eliminate dilatory practices, avoidable delays and unnecessary costs. A judge should encourage and seek to facilitate settlement, but parties should not feel coerced into surrendering the right to have their controversy resolved by the courts.

Prompt disposition of the court's business requires a judge to devote adequate time to judicial duties, to be punctual in attending court and expeditious in determining matters under submission, and to insist that court officials, litigants and their lawyers cooperate with the judge to that end.

(9) A judge shall not, while a proceeding is pending or impending in any court, make any public comment that might reasonably be expected to affect its outcome or impair its fairness or make any nonpublic comment that might interfere with a fair trial or hearing. The judge shall require* similar abstention on the part of court personnel* subject to the judge's direction and control. This Section does not prohibit judges from making public statements in the course of their official duties or from explaining for public information the procedures of the court. This Section does not apply to proceedings in which the judge is a litigant in a

^{*} See Terminology, "require."

^{*} See Terminology, "court personnel."

personal capacity.

Commentary

The requirement that judges abstain from public comment regarding a pending or impending proceeding continues during any appellate process and until final disposition. This Section does not prohibit a judge from commenting on proceedings in which the judge is a litigant in a personal capacity, but in cases such as a writ of mandamus where the judge is a litigant in an official capacity, the judge must not comment publicly. The conduct of lawyers relating to trial publicity is governed by Rule 3.6 of the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct.

(10) A judge shall not commend or criticize jurors for their verdict other than in a court order or opinion in a proceeding, but may express appreciation to jurors for their service to the judicial system and the community.

Commentary

Commending or criticizing jurors for their verdict may imply a judicial expectation in future cases and may impair a juror's ability to be fair and impartial in a subsequent case.

- (11) A judge shall not disclose or use, for any purpose unrelated to judicial duties, nonpublic information* acquired in a judicial capacity.
 - C. Administrative Responsibilities.
- (1) A judge shall diligently discharge the judge's administrative responsibilities without bias or prejudice and maintain professional competence in judicial administration, and should cooperate with other judges and court officials in the administration of court business.
- (2) A judge shall require* staff, court officials and others subject to the judge's direction and control to observe the standards of fidelity and diligence that apply to the judge and to refrain from manifesting bias or prejudice in the performance of their official duties.

^{*} See Terminology, "nonpublic information."

^{*} See Terminology, "require."

- (3) A judge with supervisory authority for the judicial performance of other judges shall take reasonable measures to assure the prompt disposition of matters before them and the proper performance of their other judicial responsibilities.
- (4) A judge shall not make unnecessary appointments. A judge should exercise his power of appointment only on the basis of merit, avoiding nepotism and favoritism. No judge shall employ a spouse or other relative unless it has been affirmatively demonstrated to the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission that it is impossible for the judge to hire any other qualified person to fill the position. A judge shall not approve compensation of appointees beyond the fair value of services rendered. (Amended by Per Curiam November 19, 1990, effective July 1, 1991.)

Commentary:

Appointees of a judge include assigned counsel, officials such as referees, commissioners, special masters, receivers and guardians and personnel such as clerks, secretaries and bailiffs. Nepotism is the appointing of relatives within the third degree of relationship by affinity or consanguinity. The relationship is determined as of the time of appointment. Consent by the parties to an appointment or an award of compensation does not relieve the judge of the obligation prescribed by Section 3C(4).

- D. Disciplinary Responsibilities.
- (1) A judge who receives information indicating a substantial likelihood that another judge has committed a violation of this Code should take appropriate action. A judge having knowledge* that another judge has committed a violation of this Code that raises a substantial question as to the other judge's fitness for office shall either communicate directly with respect to the violation with the judge who has committed the violation or report the violation to the Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission.
- (2) A judge who receives information indicating a substantial likelihood that a lawyer has committed a violation of the

^{*} See Terminology, "knowingly," "knowledge," "known" and "knows."

Rules of Professional Conduct should take appropriate action. A judge having knowledge* that a lawyer has committed a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct that raises a substantial question as to the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects shall either communicate directly with respect to the violation with the lawyer who has committed the violation or report the violation to the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility.

(3) Acts of a judge, in the discharge of disciplinary responsibilities, required or permitted by Section 3D(1) and 3D(2) are part of a judge's judicial duties and shall be absolutely privileged, and no civil action predicated thereon may be instituted against the judge.

Commentary:

Appropriate action may include direct communication with the judge or lawyer who has committed the violation, other direct action if available, and reporting the violation to the appropriate authority or other agency or body.

E. Disqualification.

(1) A judge shall disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, including but not limited to instances where:

Commentary:

Under this rule, a judge is disqualified whenever the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, regardless whether any of the specific rules in Section 3E(1) apply. For example, if a judge were in the process of negotiating for employment with a law firm, the judge would be disqualified from any matters in which that law firm appeared, unless the disqualification was waived by the parties after disclosure by the judge.

A judge should disclose on the record information that the judge believes the parties or their lawyers might consider relevant to the question of disqualification, even if the judge

^{*} See Terminology, "knowledge."

believes there is no real basis for disqualification.

By decisional law, the rule of necessity may override the rule of disqualification. For example, a judge might be required to participate in judicial review of a judicial salary statute, or might be the only judge available in a matter requiring immediate judicial action, such as a hearing on probable cause or a temporary restraining order. In the latter case, the judge must disclose on the record the basis for possible disqualification and use reasonable efforts to transfer the matter to another judge as soon as practicable.

- (a) the judge has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party or a party's lawyer, or personal knowledge* of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the proceeding;
- (b) the judge served as a lawyer in the matter in controversy, or a lawyer with whom the judge previously practiced law served during such association as a lawyer concerning the matter, or the judge has been a material witness concerning it;

Commentary:

A lawyer in a government agency does not ordinarily have an association with other lawyers employed by that agency within the meaning of Section 3E(1)(b); a judge formerly employed by a government agency, however, should disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding if the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned because of such association.

(c) the judge knows* that he or she, individually or as a fiduciary, or the judge's spouse, parent or child wherever residing, or any other member of the judge's family residing in the judge's household,* has an economic interest* in the subject matter in controversy or in a party to the proceeding or has any other more than de minimis* interest that could be substantially affected by the

^{*} See Terminology, "knowingly," "knowledge," "known" and "knows."

^{*} See Terminology, "member of the judge's family residing in the judge's household."

^{*} See Terminology "economic interest."

^{*} See Terminology, "de minimis."

proceeding;

- (d) the judge or the judge's spouse, or a person within the third degree of relationship* to either of them, or the spouse of such a person:
 - (i) is a party to the proceeding, or an officer, director or trustee of a party;
 - (ii) is acting as a lawyer in the proceeding;
 - (iii) is known* by the judge to have a more than de minimis* interest that could be substantially affected by the proceeding;
 - (iv) is to the judge's knowledge* likely to be a material witness in the proceeding.

Commentary:

The fact that a lawyer in a proceeding is affiliated with a law firm with which a relative of the judge is affiliated does not of itself disqualify the judge. Under appropriate circumstances, the fact that "the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned" under Section 3E(1), or that the relative is known by the judge to have an interest in the law firm that could be "substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding" under Section 3E(1)(d)(iii) may require the judge's disqualification.

- (2) A judge shall keep informed about the judge's personal and fiduciary* economic interests,* and make a reasonable effort to keep informed about the personal economic interests of the judge's spouse and minor children residing in the judge's household.
- F. Remittal of Disqualification. A judge disqualified by the terms of Section 3E may disclose on the record the basis of the judge's qualification and may ask the parties and their lawyers to consider, out of the presence of the judge, whether to waive disqualification. If following disclosure of any basis for disqualifi-

^{*} See Terminology, "third degree of relationship."

^{*} See Terminology, "knowingly," "knowledge," "known" and "knows."

^{*} See Terminology, "de minimis."

^{*} See Terminology, "fiduciary."

^{*} See Terminology, "economic interests."

cation other than personal bias or prejudice concerning a party, the parties and lawyers, without participation by the judge, all agree that the judge should not be disqualified, and the judge is then willing to participate, the judge may participate in the proceeding. The agreement shall be incorporated in the record of the proceeding.

Commentary:

A remittal procedure provides the parties an opportunity to proceed without delay if they wish to waive the disqualification. To assure that consideration of the question of remittal is made independently of the judge, a judge must not solicit, seek or hear comment on possible remittal or waiver of the disqualification unless the lawyers jointly propose remittal after consultation as provided in the rule. A party may act through counsel if counsel represents on the record that they party has been consulted and consents. As a practical matter, a judge may wish to have all parties and their lawyers sign the remittal agreement.

CANON 4

A JUDGE SHALL SO CONDUCT THE JUDGE'S EXTRA-JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES AS TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF CONFLICT WITH JUDICIAL OBLIGATIONS

- A. Extra-judicial Activities in General. A judge shall conduct all of the judge's extra-judicial activities so that they do not:
- (1) cast reasonable doubt on the judge's capacity to act impartially as a judge;
 - (2) demean the judicial office; or
 - (3) interfere with the proper performance of judicial duties.

Commentary:

Complete separation of a judge from extra-judicial activities is neither possible no wise; a judge should not become isolated from the community in which the judge lives.

Expressions of bias or prejudice by a judge, even outside the judge's judicial activities, may cast reasonable doubt on the judge's capacity to act impartially as a judge. Expressions which may do so include jokes or other remarks demeaning

individuals on the basis of their race, sex, religion, national origin, or other similar factors. See Section 2C and accompanying Commentary.

B. Avocational Activities. A judge may speak, write, lecture, teach on and participate in other extra-judicial activities concerning the law,* the legal system, the administration of justice and non-legal subjects, subject to the requirements of this Code.

Commentary:

As a judicial officer and person specially learned in the law, a judge is in a unique position to contribute to the improvement of the law, the legal system and the administration of justice, including revision of substantive and procedural law and improvement of criminal and juvenile justice. To the extent that time permits, a judge is encouraged to do so, either independently or through a bar association, judicial conference or other organization dedicated to the improvement of the law. Judges may participate in efforts to promote the fair administration of justice, the independence of the judiciary and the integrity of the legal profession and may express opposition to the persecution of lawyers and judges in other countries because of their professional activities.

In this and other Sections of Canon 4, the phrase "subject to the requirements of this Code" is used, notably in connection with a judge's governmental, civic or charitable activities. This phrase is included to remind judges that the use of permissive language in various Sections of the Code does not relieve a judge from the other requirements of the Code that apply to the specific conduct.

C. Governmental, Civic or Charitable Activities.

(1) A judge shall not appear at a public hearing before, or otherwise consult with, an executive or legislative body or official except on matters concerning the law,* the legal system or the administration of justice or except when acting pro se in a matter involving the judge or the judge's interests.

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

Commentary:

See Section 2B regarding the obligation to avoid improper influence.

(2) A judge shall not accept appointment to a governmental committee or commission or other governmental position that is concerned with issues of fact or policy on matters other than the improvement of the law,* the legal system or the administration of justice. A judge may, however, represent a country, state or locality on ceremonial occasions or in connection with historical, educational or cultural activities.

Commentary:

Section 4C(2) prohibits a judge from accepting any governmental position except one relating to the law, legal system or administration of justice as authorized by Section 4C(3). The appropriateness of accepting extra-judicial assignments must be assessed in light of the demands on judicial resources created by crowded dockets and the need to protect the courts from involvement in extra-judicial matters that may prove to be controversial. Judges should not accept governmental appointments that are likely to interfere with the effectiveness and independence of the judiciary.

Section 4C(2) does not govern a judge's service in a nongovernmental position. See Section 4C(3) permitting service by a judge with organizations devoted to the improvement of the law, the legal system or the administration of justice and with educational, religious, charitable, fraternal or civic organizations not conducted for profit. For example, service on the board of a public educational institution, unless it were a law school, would be prohibited under Section 4C(2), but service on the board of a public law school or any private educational institution would generally be permitted under Section 4C(3).

(3) A judge may serve as an officer, director, trustee or nonlegal advisor of an organization or governmental agency devoted to the improvement of the law,* the legal system or the administration of justice or of an educational, religious, charitable,

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

fraternal or civic organization not conducted for profit, subject to the following limitations and the other requirements of this Code.

Commentary:

Section 4C(3) does not apply to a judge's service in a governmental position unconnected with the improvement of the law, the legal system or the administration of justice; see Section 4C(2).

See Commentary to Section 4B regarding use of the phrase "subject to the following limitations and the other requirements of this Code." As an example of the meaning of the phrase, a judge permitted by Section 4C(3) to serve on the board of a fraternal institution may be prohibited from such service by Section 2C or 4A if the institution practices invidious discrimination or if service on the board otherwise casts reasonable doubt on the judge's capacity to act impartially as a judge.

Service by a judge on behalf of a civic or charitable organization may be governed by other provisions of Canon 4 in addition to Section 4C. For example, a judge is prohibited by Section 4G from serving as a legal advisor to a civic or charitable organization.

- (a) A judge shall not serve as an officer, director, trustee or non-legal advisor if it is likely that the organization
 - (i) will be engaged in proceedings that would ordinarily come before the judge, or
 - (ii) will be engaged frequently in adversary proceedings in the court of which the judge is a member or in any court subject to the appellate jurisdiction of the court of which the judge is a member.

Commentary:

The changing nature of some organizations and of their relationship to the law makes it necessary for a judge regularly to reexamine the activities of each organization with which the judge is affiliated to determine if it is proper for the judge to continue the affiliation. For example, in many jurisdictions charitable hospitals are now more frequently in court than in the past. Similarly, the boards of some legal aid organizations now

make policy decisions that may have political significance or imply commitment to causes that may come before the courts for adjudication.

- (b) A judge as an officer, director, trustee or non-legal advisor, or as a member or otherwise:
 - (i) may assist such an organization in planning fund-raising and may participate in the management and investment of the organization's funds, but shall not personally participate in the solicitation of funds or other fund-raising activities, except that a judge may solicit funds from other judges over whom the judge does not exercise supervisory or appellate authority;
 - (ii) may make recommendations to public and private fund-granting organizations on projects and programs concerning the law,* the legal system or the administration of justice;
 - (iii) shall not personally participate in membership solicitation if the solicitation might reasonably be perceived as coercive or, except as permitted in Section 4C(3)(b)(i), if the membership solicitation is essentially a fund-raising mechanism;
 - (iv) shall not use or permit the use of the prestige of judicial office for fund-raising or membership solicitation.

Commentary:

A judge may solicit membership or endorse or encourage membership efforts for an organization devoted to the improvement of the law, the legal system or the administration of justice or a nonprofit educational, religious, charitable, fraternal or civic organization as long as the solicitation cannot reasonably be perceived as coercive and is not essentially a fund-raising mechanism. Solicitation of funds for an organization and solicitation of memberships similarly involve the danger that the person solicited will feel obligated to respond favorably to the solicitor if the solicitor is in a position of influence or control. A

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

judge must not engage in direct, individual solicitation of funds or memberships in person, in writing or by telephone except in the following cases: 1) a judge may solicit for funds or memberships other judges over whom the judge does not exercise supervisory or appellate authority, 2) a judge may solicit other persons for membership in the organizations described above if neither those persons nor persons with whom they are affiliated are likely ever to appear before the court on which the judge serves and 3) a judge who is an officer of such an organization may send a general membership solicitation mailing over the judge's signature.

Use of an organization letterhead for fund-raising or membership solicitation does not violate Section 4C(3)(b) provided the letterhead lists only the judge's name and office or other position in the organization, and, if comparable designations are listed for other persons, the judge's judicial designation. In addition, a judge must also make reasonable efforts to ensure that the judge's staff, court officials and others subject to the judge's direction and control do not solicit funds on the judge's behalf for any purpose, charitable or otherwise.

A judge must not be a speaker or guest of honor at an organization's fund-raising event, but mere attendance at such an event is permissible if otherwise consistent with this Code.

- D. Financial Activities.
- (1) A judge shall not engage in financial and business dealings that:
 - (a) may reasonably be perceived to exploit the judge's judicial position, or
 - (b) involve the judge in frequent transactions or continuing business relationships with those lawyers or other persons likely to come before the court on which the judge serves.

Commentary:

The Time for Compliance provision of this Code (Application, Section D) postpones the time for compliance with certain provisions of this Section in some cases.

When a judge acquires in a judicial capacity information,

such as material contained in filings with the court, that is not yet generally known, the judge must not use the information for private gain. See Section 2B: see also Section 3B(11).

A judge must avoid financial and business dealings that involve the judge in frequent transactions or continuing business relationships with persons likely to come either before the judge personally or before other judges on the judge's court. In addition, a judge should discourage members of the judge's family from engaging in dealings that would reasonably appear to exploit the judge's judicial position. This rule is necessary to avoid creating an appearance of exploitation of office or favoritism and to minimize the potential for disqualification. With respect to affiliation of relatives of judge with law firms appearing before the judge, see Commentary in Section 3E(1) relating to disqualification.

Participation by a judge in financial and business dealings is subject to the general prohibitions in Section 4A against activities that tend to reflect adversely on impartiality, demean the judicial office, or interfere with the proper performance of judicial duties. Such participation is also subject to the general prohibition in Canon 2 against activities involving impropriety or the appearance of impropriety and the prohibition in Section 2B against the misuse of the prestige of judicial office. In addition, a judge must maintain high standards of conduct in all of the judge's activities, as set forth in Canon 1. See Commentary for Section 4B regarding use of the phrase "subject to the requirements of this Code."

(2) A judge may, subject to the requirements of this Code, hold and manage investments of the judge and members of the judge's family,* including real estate, and engage in other remunerative activity.

Commentary:

This Section provides that, subject to the requirements of this Code, a judge may hold and manage investments owned solely by the judge, investments owned solely by a member or members of the judge's family, and investments owned jointly by

^{*} See Terminology, "member[s] of the judge's family."

the judge and members of the judge's family.

- (3) A judge shall not serve as an officer, director, manager, general partner, advisor or employee of any business entity except that a judge may, subject to the requirements of this Code, manage and participate in:
 - (a) a business closely held by the judge or members of the judge's family,* or
 - (b) a business entity primarily engaged in investment of the financial resources of the judge or members of the judge's family.

Commentary:

Subject to the requirements of this Code, a judge may participate in a business that is closely held either by the judge alone, by members of the judge's family, or by the judge and members of the judge's family.

Although participation by a judge in a closely-held family business might otherwise be permitted by Section 4D(2), a judge may be prohibited from participation by other provisions of this Code when, for example, the business entity frequently appears before the judge's court or the participation requires significant time away from judicial duties. Similarly, a judge must avoid participating in a closely-held family business if the judge's participation would involve misuse of the prestige of judicial office.

- (4) A judge shall manage the judge's investments and other financial interests to minimize the number of cases in which the judge is disqualified. As soon as the judge can do so without serious financial detriment, the judge shall divest himself or herself of investments and other financial interests that might require frequent disqualification.
- (5) A judge shall not accept, and shall urge members of the judge's family residing in the judge's household,* not to accept, a gift, bequest, favor or loan from anyone except for:

^{*} See Terminology, "member of the judge's family."

^{*} See Terminology, "member of the judge's family residing in the judge's household."

Commentary:

Section 4D(5) does not apply to contributions to a judge's campaign for judicial office, a matter governed by Canon 5.

Because a gift, bequest, favor or loan to a member of the judge's family residing in the judge's household might be viewed as intended to influence the judge, a judge must inform those family members of the relevant ethical constraints upon the judge in this regard and discourage those family members from violating them. A judge cannot, however, reasonably be expected to know or control all of the financial or business activities of all family members residing in the judge's household.

(a) a gift incident to a public testimonial, books, tapes and other resource materials supplied by publishers on a complimentary basis for official use, or an invitation to the judge and the judge's spouse or guest to attend a barrelated function or an activity devoted to the improvement of the law,* the legal system or the administration of justice;

Commentary:

Acceptance of an invitation to a law-related function is governed by Section 4D(5)(a): acceptance of an invitation paid for by an individual lawyer or group of lawyers is governed by Section 4D(5)(h).

A judge may accept a public testimonial or a gift incident thereto only if the donor organization is not an organization whose members comprise, or frequently represent the same side in litigation, and the testimonial and gift are otherwise in compliance with other provisions of this Code. See Sections 4A(1) and 2B.

(b) a gift, award or benefit incident to the business, profession or other separate activity of a spouse or other family member of a judge residing in the judge's household, including gifts, awards and benefits for the use of both the spouse or other family member and the judge (as spouse or family member), provided the gift, award or

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

benefit could not reasonably be perceived as intended to influence the judge in the performance of judicial duties;

- (c) ordinary social hospitality;
- (d) a gift from a relative or friend, for a special occasion, such as a wedding, anniversary or birthday, if the gift is fairly commensurate with the occasion and the relationship;

Commentary:

A gift to a judge, or to a member of the judge's family living in the judge's household, that is excessive in value raises questions about the judge's impartiality and the integrity of the judicial office and might require disqualification of the judge where disqualification would not otherwise be required. See, however, Section 4D(5)(c).

- (e) a gift, bequest, favor or loan from a relative or close personal friend whose appearance or interest in a case would in any event require disqualification under Section 3E;
- (f) a loan from a lending institution in its regular course of business on the same terms generally available to persons who are not judges;
- (g) a scholarship or fellowship awarded on the same terms and based on the same criteria applied to other applicants; or
- (h) any other gift, bequest, favor or loan, only if: the donor is not a party or other person who has come or is likely to come or whose interests have come or are likely to come before the judge; and, if its value exceeds \$150.00, the judge reports it in the same manner as the judge reports compensation in Section 4H.

Commentary

Section 4D(5)(h) prohibits judges from accepting gifts, favors, bequests or loans from lawyers or their firms if they have come or are likely to come before the judge; it also prohibits gifts, favors, bequests or loans from clients of lawyers or their firms when the clients' interests have come or are likely to come

before the judge.

- E. Fiduciary Activities.
- (1) A judge shall not serve as executor, administrator or other personal representative, trustee, guardian, attorney in fact or other fiduciary,* except for the estate, trust or person of a member of the judge's family,* and then only if such service will not interfere with the proper performance of judicial duties.
- (2) A judge shall not serve as a fiduciary* if it is likely that the judge as a fiduciary will be engaged in proceedings that would ordinarily come before the judge, or if the estate, trust or ward becomes involved in adversary proceedings in the court on which the judge serves or one under its appellate jurisdiction.
- (3) The same restrictions on financial activities that apply to a judge personally also apply to the judge while acting in a fiduciary* capacity.

Commentary:

The Time for Compliance provision of this Code (Application, Section D) postpones the time for compliance with certain provisions of this Section in some cases.

The restrictions imposed by this Canon may conflict with the judge's obligation as a fiduciary. For example, a judge should resign as trustee if detriment to the trust would result from divestiture of holdings the retention of which would place the judge in violation of Section 4D(4).

F. Service as Arbitrator or Mediator. A judge shall not act as an arbitrator or mediator or otherwise perform judicial functions in a private capacity unless expressly authorized by law.*

Commentary:

Section 4F does not prohibit a judge from participating in arbitration, mediation or settlement conferences performed as part of judicial duties.

^{*} See Terminology, "fiduciary."

^{*} See Terminology, "member of the judge's family."
* See Terminology, "law."

G. Practice of Law. A judge shall not practice law or appear as counsel in any court within this state. Notwithstanding this prohibition, a judge may act pro se and may, without compensation, give legal advice to and draft or review documents for a member of the judge's family.*

Commentary:

This prohibition refers to the practice of law in a representative capacity under the Arkansas Constitution, Article 7, § 24 and not in a pro se capacity. A judge may act for himself or herself in all legal matters, including matters involving litigation and matters involving appearances before or other dealings with legislative and other governmental bodies. However, in so doing, a judge must not abuse the prestige of office to advance the interests of the judge or the judge's family. See Section 2(b).

The Code allows a judge to give legal advice to and draft legal documents for members of the judge's family, so long as the judge receives no compensation. A judge must not, however, act as an advocate or negotiator for a member of the judge's family in a legal matter.

H. Compensation, Reimbursement and Reporting.

- (1) Compensation and Reimbursement. A judge may receive compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the extrajudicial activities permitted by this Code, if the source of such payments does not give the appearance of influencing the judge's performance of judicial duties or otherwise give the appearance of impropriety.
 - (a) Compensation shall not exceed a reasonable amount nor shall it exceed what a person who is not a judge would receive for the same activity.
 - (b) Expense reimbursement shall be limited to the actual cost of travel, food and lodging reasonably incurred by the judge and, where appropriate to the occasion, by the judge's spouse or guest. Any payment in excess of such an amount is compensation.
- (2) Public Reports. A judge shall report the date, place and nature of any activity for which the judge received compensation, and the name of the payor and the amount of compensation so

received. The judge's report shall be made at least annually and shall be filed as a public document in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Commentary:

See Section 4D(5) regarding reporting of gifts, bequests and loans.

The Code does not prohibit a judge from accepting honoraria or speaking fees provided that the compensation is reasonable and commensurate with the task performed. A judge should ensure, however, that no conflicts are created by the arrangement. A judge must not appear to trade on the judicial position for personal advantage. Nor should a judge spend significant time away from court duties to meet speaking or writing commitments for compensation. In addition, the source of the payment must not raise any question of undue influence or the judge's ability or willingness to be impartial.

I. Disclosure of a judge's income, debts, investments or other assets is required only to the extent provided in this Canon and in Sections 3E and 3F, or as otherwise required by law.*

Commentary:

Section 3E requires a judge to disqualify himself or herself in any proceeding in which the judge has an economic interest. See "economic interest" as explained in the Terminology Section. Section 4D requires a judge to refrain from engaging in business and from financial activities that might interfere with the impartial performance of judicial duties. Section 4H requires a judge to report all compensation the judge received for activities outside judicial office. A judge has the rights of any other citizen, including the right to privacy of the judge's financial affairs, except to the extent that limitations established by law are required to safeguard the proper performance of the judge's duties.

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

CANON 5

A JUDGE OR JUDICIAL CANDIDATE SHALL REFRAIN FROM INAPPROPRIATE POLITICAL ACTIVITY

- A. All Judges and Candidates.
- (1) Except as authorized in Section 5B(2), 5C(1) and 5C(3), a judge or a candidate* for election or appointment to judicial office shall not:
 - (a) act as a leader or hold an office in a political organization*;
 - (b) publicly endorse or publicly oppose another candidate for public office;
 - (c) make speeches on behalf of a political organization;
 - (d) attend political gatherings; or
 - (e) solicit funds for, pay an assessment to or make a contribution to a political organization or candidate, or purchase tickets for political party dinners or other functions.

Commentary:

A judge or candidate for judicial office retains the right to participate in the political process as a voter.

Where false information concerning a judicial candidate is made public, a judge or another judicial candidate having knowledge of the facts in not prohibited by Section 5A(1) from making the facts public.

Section 5A(1)(a) does not prohibit a candidate for elective judicial office from retaining during candidacy a public office such as county prosecutor, which is not "an office in a political organization."

Section 5A(1)(b) does not prohibit a judge or judicial candidate from privately expressing his or her views on judicial

^{*} See Terminology, "candidate."

^{*} See Terminology, "political organization."

candidates or other candidates for public office.

A candidate does not publicly endorse another candidate for public office by having that candidate's name on the same ticket.

(2) A judge shall resign from judicial office upon becoming a candidate* for a non-judicial office either in a primary or in a general election, except that the judge may continue to hold judicial office while being a candidate for election to or serving as a delegate in a state constitutional convention if the judge is otherwise permitted by law* to do so.

(3) A candidate* for a judicial office:

(a) shall maintain the dignity appropriate to judicial office and act in a manner consistent with the integrity and independence of the judiciary, and shall encourage members of the candidate's family* to adhere to the same standards of political conduct in support of the candidate as apply to the candidate;

Commentary:

Although a judicial candidate must encourage members of his or her family to adhere to the same standards of political conduct in support of the candidate that apply to the candidate, family members are free to participate in other political activity.

- (b) shall prohibit employees and officials who serve at the pleasure of the candidate,* and shall discourage other employees and officials subject to the candidate's direction and control from doing on the candidate's behalf what the candidate is prohibited from doing under the Sections of this Canon;
- (c) except to the extent permitted by Section 5C(2), shall not authorize or knowingly* permit any other person to do for the candidate* what the candidate is prohibited from doing under the Sections of this Canon;

^{*} See Terminology, "candidate."

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

* See Terminology, "member of the candidate's family."

* See Terminology, "knowingly."

(d) shall not:

- (i) make pledges or promises of conduct in office other than the faithful and impartial performance of the duties of the office;
- (ii) announce views on disputed legal or political issues; or
- (iii) knowingly* misrepresent the identity, qualifications, present position or other fact concerning the candidate or an opponent;

Commentary:

Section 5A(3)(d) prohibits a candidate for judicial office from making statements that appear to commit the candidate regarding cases, controversies or issues likely to come before the court. As a corollary, a candidate should emphasize in any public statement the candidate's duty to uphold the law regardless of his or her personal views. See also Section 3B(9), the general rule on public comment by judges. Section 5A(3)(d) does not prohibit a candidate from making pledges or promises respecting improvements in court administration. Nor does this Section prohibit an incumbent judge from making private statements to other judges or court personnel in the performance of judicial duties. This Section applies to any statement made in the process of securing judicial office, such as statements to commissions charged with judicial selection and tenure and legislative bodies confirming appointment. See also Rule 8.2 of the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct.

- (e) may respond to personal attacks or attacks on the candidate's record as long as the response does not violate Section 5A(3)(d).
- B. Candidates Seeking Appointment to Judicial or Other Governmental Office.
- (1) A candidate* for appointment to judicial office or a judge seeking other governmental office shall not solicit or accept funds, personally or through a committee or otherwise, to support his or

^{*} See Terminology, "knowingly."

^{*} See Terminology, "candidate."

her candidacy.

- (2) A candidate* for appointment to judicial office or a judge seeking other governmental office shall not engage in any political activity to secure the appointment except that:
 - (a) such persons may:
 - (i) communicate with the appointing authority, including any selection or nominating commission or other agency designated to screen candidates;
 - (ii) seek support or endorsement for the appointment from organizations that regularly make recommendations for reappointment or appointment to the office, and from individuals to the extent requested or required by those specified in Section 5B(2)(a); and
 - (iii) provide to those specified in Sections 5B(2)(a)(i) and 5B(2)(a)(ii) information as to his or her qualifications for the office;
 - (b) a non-judge candidate* for appointment to judicial office may, in addition, unless otherwise prohibited by law*:
 - (i) retain an office in a political organization,*
 - (ii) attend political gatherings, and
 - (iii) continue to pay ordinary assessments and ordinary contributions to a political organization or candidate and purchase tickets for political party dinners or other functions.

Commentary:

Section 5B(2) provides a limited exception to the restrictions imposed by Sections 5A(1) and 5D. Under Section 5B(2), candidates seeking reappointment to the same judicial office or appointment to another judicial office or other governmental office may apply for the appointment and seek appropriate

^{*} See Terminology, "candidate."

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

^{*} See Terminology, "political organization."

support.

Although under Section 5B(2) non-judge candidates seeking appointment to judicial office are permitted during candidacy to retain office in a political organization, attend political gatherings and pay ordinary dues and assessments, they remain subject to other provisions of this Code during candidacy. See Sections 5B(1), 5B(2)(a), 5E and Application Section.

- C. Judges and Candidates Subject to Public Election.
- (1) A judge or a candidate* subject to public election* may, except as prohibited by law*:
 - (a) at any time
 - (i) purchase tickets for and attend political gatherings;
 - (ii) identify himself or herself as a member of a political party; and
 - (iii) contribute to a political organization*;
 - (b) when a candidate for election
 - (i) speak to gatherings on his or her own behalf;
 - (ii) appear in newspaper, television and other media advertisements supporting his or her candidacy; and
 - (iii) distribute pamphlets and other promotional campaign literature supporting his or her candidacy.

Commentary:

Section 5C(1) permits judges subject to election at any time to be involved in limited political activity. Section 5D, applicable solely to incumbent judges, would otherwise bar this activity.

(2) A candidate* shall not personally solicit or accept campaign contributions or personally solicit publicly stated

^{*} See Terminology, "candidate."

^{*} See Terminology, "public election."

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

^{*} See Terminology, "political organization."

support. A candidate may, however, establish committees of responsible persons to conduct campaigns for the candidate through media advertisements, brochures, mailings, candidate forums and other means not prohibited by law. Such committees may solicit and accept reasonable campaign contributions, manage the expenditure of funds for the candidate's campaign and obtain public statements of support for his or her candidacy. Such committees are not prohibited from soliciting and accepting reasonable campaign contributions and public support from lawyers.

A candidate's committee may solicit contributions and public support for the candidate's campaign no earlier than 180 days before a primary election and no later than 45 days after the last contested election in which the candidate participates during the election year. Funds received prior to the 180 day limitation or after the 45 day limitation shall be returned to the contributor. If funds are received personally by a judicial candidate, the candidate shall promptly turn them over to the campaign committee. A candidate shall not use or permit the use of campaign contributions for the private benefit of the candidate or others. Any campaign fund surplus shall be returned to the contributors or turned over to the State Treasurer as provided by law.

Commentary:

Section 5C(2) permits a candidate, other than a candidate for appointment, to establish campaign committees to solicit and accept public support and reasonable financial contributions. At the start of the campaign, the candidate must instruct his or her campaign committees to solicit or accept only contributions that are reasonable under the circumstances. Though not prohibited, campaign contributions of which a judge has knowledge, made by lawyers or others who appear before the judge, may be relevant to disqualification under Section 3E.

Campaign committees established under Section 5C(2) should manage campaign finances responsibly, avoiding deficits that might necessitate post-election fund-raising, to the extent possible.

Section 5C(2) does not prohibit a candidate from initiating

an evaluation by a judicial selection commission or bar association, or, subject to the requirements of this Code, from responding to a request for information from any organization.

(3) Except as prohibited by law,* a candidate* for judicial office in a public election* may permit the candidate's name: (a) to be listed on election materials along with the names of other candidates for elective public office, and (b) to appear in promotions of the ticket.

Commentary:

Section 5C(3) provides a limited exception to the restrictions imposed by Section 5A(1).

D. Incumbent Judges. A judge shall not engage in any political activity except (i) as authorized under any other Section of this Code, (ii) on behalf of measures to improve the law,* the legal system or the administration of justice, or (iii) as expressly authorized by law.

Commentary:

Neither Section 5D nor any other section of the Code prohibits a judge in the exercise of administrative functions from engaging in planning and other official activities with members of the executive and legislative branches of government. With respect to a judge's activity on behalf of measures to improve the law, the legal system and the administration of justice, see Commentary to Section 4B and Section 4C(1) and its Commentary.

E. Applicability. Canon 5 generally applies to all incumbent judges and judicial candidates.* A successful candidate, whether or not an incumbent, is subject to judicial discipline for his or her campaign conduct: an unsuccessful candidate who is a lawyer is subject to lawyer discipline for his or her campaign conduct. A lawyer who is a candidate for judicial office is subject to Rule 8.2(b) of the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct.

^{*} See Terminology, "law."

^{*} See Terminology, "candidate."

^{*} See Terminology, "public election."

APPLICATION OF THE CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

A. Anyone, whether or not a lawyer, who is an officer of a judicial system and who performs judicial functions, including an officer such as a magistrate, court commissioner, special master or referee, is a judge within the meaning of this Code. All judges shall comply with this Code except as provided below.

Commentary:

The three categories of judicial service in other than a full-time capacity are necessarily defined in general terms because of the widely varying forms of judicial service. For the purposes of this Section, as long as a retired judge is subject to recall the judge is considered to "perform judicial functions." The determination of which category and, accordingly, which specific Code provisions apply to an individual judicial officer, depend upon the facts of the particular judicial service.

- B. Continuing Part-time Judge. A continuing part-time judge*:
 - (1) is not required to comply:
 - (a) except while serving as a judge, with Section 3B(9); and
 - (b) at any time with Sections 4C(2), 4D(3), 4E(1), 4F, 4G, 4H, 5A(1), 5B(2) and 5D.
- (2) shall not practice law in the court on which the judge serves or in any court subject to the appellate jurisdiction of the court on which the judge serves, and shall not act as a lawyer in a proceeding in which the judge has served as a judge or in any other proceeding related thereto.

Commentary:

When a person who has been a continuing part-time judge is no longer a continuing part-time judge, including a retired judge no longer subject to recall, that person may act as a lawyer in a proceeding in which he or she has served as a judge or in any

^{*} See Terminology, "continuing part-time judge."

other proceeding related thereto only with the express consent of all parties pursuant to Rule 1.12(a) of the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct.

C. Pro Tempore Part-time Judge or Periodic Part-time Judge.

A pro tempore part-time judge or periodic part-time judge*:

- (1) is not required to comply:
 - (a) except while serving as a judge, with Sections 2A, 2B, 3B(9) and 4C(1);
- (b) at any time with Sections 2C, 4C(2), 4C(3)(a), 4C(3)(b), 4D(1)(b), 4D(3), 4D(4), 4D(5), 4E, 4F, 4G, 4H, 5A(1), 5A(2), 5B(2) and 5D.
- (2) A person who has been a pro tempore part-time judge or periodic part-time judge shall not act as a lawyer in a proceeding in which the judge has served as a judge or in any other proceeding related thereto except as otherwise permitted by Rule 1.12(a) of the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct.

Commentary:

A full time governmental official who has judicial powers which are exercised infrequently, such as a county judge, is a pro tempore part-time judge.

D. Time for Compliance. A person to whom this Code becomes applicable shall comply immediately with all provisions of this Code except Section 4D(2), 4D(3) and 4E and shall comply with these Sections as soon as reasonably possible and shall do so in any event within the period of one year.

Commentary:

If serving as a fiduciary when selected as judge, a new judge may, notwithstanding the prohibitions in Section 4E continue to serve as fiduciary but only for that period of time necessary to avoid serious adverse consequences to the beneficiary of the

^{*} See Terminology, "pro tempore part-time judge."

^{*} See Terminology, "periodic part-time judge."

fiduciary relationship and in no event longer than one year. Similarly, if engaged at the time of judicial selection in a business activity, a new judge may, notwithstanding the prohibitions in Section 4D(3), continue in that activity for a reasonable period but in no event longer than one year.

Appointments to Committees

IN RE: RECORDS OF THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT AND THE ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

853 S.W.2d 284

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered May 24, 1993

PER CURIAM. Since Arkansas became a state in 1836, the Arkansas Supreme Court has retained all of its records.

Those of the Court of Appeals have been retained since its creation in 1979. The records include all transcripts, briefs, and exhibits. Over time, the availability of space has become a very real problem. Some microfilming of records has been performed, but there has been no formal plan in place and no records have been discarded.

For that reason the Administrative Office of the Courts requested technical assistance from the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Virginia. A consultant from the National Center conducted a study and submitted a report recommending that a records retention schedule be designed.

We now appoint the following members to an ad hoc Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Appellate Court Records Retention to make recommendation for the Court's consideration on or before October 1, 1993.

- 1. Leslie Steen, Supreme Court Clerk.
- 2. J. D. Gingerich, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, or his designee.
- 3. Howard B. Eisenberg, Dean, University of Arkansas School of Law, Little Rock, or his designee.
- 4. Leonard P. Strickman, Dean, University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, or his designee.
- 5. Dr. John Ferguson, Arkansas History Commission.
- 6. Frances Ross, Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

The Committee's charge is to fully study the issues relating to appellate court records retention as presented in the report and

to make recommendations for the Court's consideration on or before October 1, 1993.

IN RE: ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT AD HOC COMMITTEES ON UNIFORM REPORTING OF CASE INFORMATION IN THE ARKANSAS TRIAL COURTS

854 S.W.2d 355

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered June 14, 1993

PER CURIAM. The Supreme Court has received copies of a report entitled "Arkansas Criminal, Civil and Chancery Courts: Minimum Data Elements." The report was prepared pursuant to a grant by the State Justice Institute of Washington D.C. to the Administrative Office of the Courts to study the need for uniform data elements to be collected and shared among courts and court-related agencies.

The report makes specific findings concerning the need for additional information to be collected in all cases and suggests improvements in the collection and reporting of case information. Because the proposed findings, if adopted, could impact judges, lawyers, prosecutors, clerks and others in the justice system, the Court now appoints the following ad hoc committees to review the report and make such recommendations to the Court as are deemed necessary on or before October 1, 1993.

Criminal Case Information Committee

Hon. H.A. Taylor, Circuit Judge
Hon. John W. Cole, Circuit Judge
Bill Simpson, Esq., Public Defender
Hon. Tom Wynne, Prosecuting Attorney
Mr. David Eberdt, or designee, Arkansas Crime
Information Center
Ms. Barbara Eastin, Circuit Clerk
Lt. Colonel Richard Rail, Arkansas State Police

Ms. Kay Howell, Department of Correction Leslie Powell, Attorney-at-Law, Arkansas Sentencing Commission Ms. Paula Pumphrey, Adult Probation Commission

Civil Case Information Committee

Hon. Tom Smitherman, Circuit/Chancery Judge
 Hon. John Plegge, Circuit Judge
 Ken Cook, Esq., Arkansas Bar Association
 Ms. Sharon Rimmer, Circuit Clerk

Chancery/Probate Case Information Committee

Hon. Ellen Brantley, Chancellor
Hon. Eugene Harris, Chancellor
Mr. Harold Watson, Circuit/Chancery Clerk
Ms. Carolyn Morris, County Clerk
Ms. Debby Nye, Chief Counsel, Department of
Human Services
Glenn Kelley, Esq., Arkansas Bar Association

Juvenile Case Information Committee

Hon. Robert Edwards, Circuit/Chancery Judge
Hon. Watson Villines, Circuit/Chancery Judge
Ms. Pam Crawford, Deputy Chancery Clerk
Ms. Kathleen Bird, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Mr. Brad Holloway, Juvenile Intake Officer
Ms. Gina Bunker, Juvenile Probation Officer
Ms. Larance Johnson, Department of Human Services
Ms. Judith Faust, Department of Human Services

IN RE: ARKANSAS JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered June 21, 1993

PER CURIAM. In accordance with Amendment 66 of the Constitution of Arkansas, and Act 637 of 1989, the Court reappoints the Honorable Stark Ligon, Circuit Judge, to the Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission for an additional six year term expiring June 30, 1999.

The Court expresses its gratitude to Judge Ligon for accepting reappointment to this Commission.

IN RE: CLIENT SECURITY FUND COMMITTEE

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered June 21, 1993

PER CURIAM. James F. Dowden, Esq., of Little Rock, Arkansas, is hereby appointed at-large to the Client Security Fund Committee, replacing George D. Ellis, Esq., of Benton, Arkansas. Mr. Dowden is appointed for a five year term expiring June 30, 1998.

The Court thanks Mr. Dowden for accepting appointment to this important Committee.

The Court expresses its gratitude to Mr. Ellis for his faithful service to the Court.

IN RE: COMMITTEE ON THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered June 21, 1993

PER CURIAM. Henry Hodges, Esq., Little Rock, Second Congressional District, is hereby appointed to our Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law, replacing Zachary Wilson, Esq., North Little Rock, who has retired from the Committee.

The Court thanks Mr. Hodges for accepting appointment to this Committee.

The Court expresses its gratitude to Mr. Wilson for his longstanding and dedicated service as a member and Chair of this Committee.

IN RE: SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON CIVIL PRACTICE

Supreme Court of Arkansas Delivered July 5, 1993

PER CURIAM. Katherine Gay, Attorney-at-Law, Fayetteville, Arkansas; Elton Rieves, III, Esq., West Memphis, Arkansas; and James Sprott, Esq., Harrison, Arkansas, are reappointed to our Committee on Civil Practice.

The Court expresses its appreciation to them for accepting reappointment to this most important Committee.

Each term of reappointment is for a three-year period expiring July 30, 1996.

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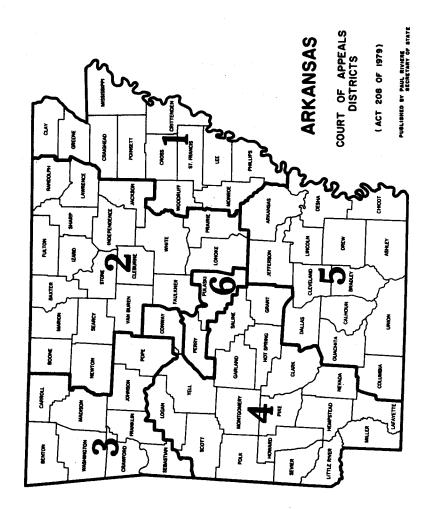
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