

Code of Judicial Conduct



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Canon 1

JUDGES SHALL UPHOLD THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, AND IMPARTIALITY OF THE JUDICIARY AND SHALL AVOID IMPROPRIETY AND THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY IN ALL OF THEIR ACTIVITIES

- Rule 1.1 Complying With the Law
- Rule 1.2 Promoting Public Confidence in the Judiciary
- Rule 1.3 Respecting the Prestige of Judicial Office



Canon 2

JUDGES SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF JUDICIAL OFFICE IMPARTIALLY, COMPETENTLY, AND DILIGENTLY

- Rule 2.1 Giving Priority to Judicial Duties in General
- Rule 2.2 Impartiality and Fairness
- Rule 2.3 Bias, Prejudice, and Harassment
- Rule 2.4 External Influences on Judicial Conduct
- Rule 2.5 Performing Administrative Responsibilities
- Rule 2.6 Ensuring the Right to Be Heard
- Rule 2.7 Responsibility to Decide
- Rule 2.8 Adjudicating Pending Proceedings Fairly
- Rule 2.9 Assuring Fair Hearings and Averting Ex Parte Communications
- Rule 2.10 Judicial Statements on Pending Proceedings and Impending Matters
- Rule 2.11 Disqualification and Recusal
- Rule 2.12 Supervisory Duties
- Rule 2.13 Administrative Appointments
- Rule 2.14 Disability and Impairment
- Rule 2.15 Responding to Judicial and Lawyer Misconduct
- Rule 2.16 Reserved



Canon 3

JUDGES SHALL REGULATE THEIR EXTRA-JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF CONFLICT WITH THEIR JUDICIAL DUTIES

- Rule 3.1 Participation in Extra-Judicial Activities
- Rule 3.2 Appearances before Governmental Bodies and Consultation with Government Officials
- Rule 3.3 Testifying as a Character Witness
- Rule 3.4 Accepting Extra-Judicial Appointments
- Rule 3.5 Use of Non-Public Information
- Rule 3.6 Avoiding Associations That Undermine the Impartiality of Judges
- Rule 3.7 Participation in Law-Related, Educational, Religious, Charitable, Fraternal, or Civic Organizations and Activities
- Rule 3.8 Fiduciary Activities
- Rule 3.9 Arbitration and Mediation
- Rule 3.10 Practice of Law
- Rule 3.11 Financial Activities and Business Dealings
- Rule 3.12 Receiving Extra-Judicial Compensation
- Rule 3.13 Gifts or Similar Benefits
- Rule 3.14 Expense Reimbursement
- Rule 3.15 Reports and Procedures for Reporting



Canon

JUDGES SHALL REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITY INAPPROPRIATE TO THEIR JUDICIAL OFFICE

- Rule 4.1 Political Conduct in General
- Rule 4.2 Campaign Conduct
- Rule 4.3 Candidacy for Appointive Judicial Office
- Rule 4.4 Reserved
- Rule 4.5 Candidacy for 5 Non-Judicial Office
- Rule 4.6 Applicability of the Political Conduct Rules

REVIEW QUESTION

Where can I find
the Georgia Code
of Judicial
Conduct?

ANSWER TO THE REVIEW QUESTION

Go to The Judicial Qualifications Commission of Georgia website

<https://gajqc.gov/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the The Judicial Qualifications Commission of Georgia. The header includes the logo and navigation links: About, Advisory Opinions, Complaints, Recent Actions, News, and a search icon. Below the header is a large banner with the text 'Commission of Georgia' and a yellow button that says 'File a Complaint against a Georgia Judge'. A row of four white buttons with icons is displayed: 'Governing Provisions' (circled in blue), 'Formal Advisory Opinions', 'Complaints', and 'Contact Us'. Below this row are sections for 'ABOUT US' and 'ANNUAL REPORTS'. The 'ABOUT US' section contains text about the commission's history and mission. The 'ANNUAL REPORTS' section includes a paragraph about the annual report and a blue button that says 'Copies of the Commission's previous annual reports are available here'.

The screenshot shows the 'Commission Staff' page on the website. The header is identical to the homepage. Below the header, the text 'Elizaj, GA Citizen Member' is visible. The 'Commission Staff' section lists three staff members: Courtney Veal (Deputy Director), Kristen Bertsch (Executive Administrator), and John Gosart (Chief Investigator), each with their contact information. Below this is the 'Governing Provisions' section, which features four buttons: 'Statutory Authority', 'Code of Judicial Conduct' (circled in blue), 'Rules of the JQC', and 'JQC Rule Amendments 2.3.23'. Each button has a 'View' link below it.