

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
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ANSWER TO THE REVIEW QUESTION

Go to The Judicial Qualifications Commission of Georgia website

<https://gajqc.gov/>

