

MODULE 2 ETHICS MOMENT

Relevant Model Code of Ethics for Judges and Court Administrators

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

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

AVOIDING PRESTIGE OR PRIVILEGE

Judicial Canon 1.3: Avoiding Abuse of the Prestige of Judicial Office. A judge shall not abuse the prestige of judicial office to advance the personal or economic interests of the judge or others, or allow others to do so.

Court Professional Canon 1.6: Avoiding Privilege. A court professional uses his or her official position solely for its intended purpose.

BIAS AND HARASSMENT

Judicial Canon 2.3: Bias, Prejudice and Harassment. (B) A judge shall not, in the performance of judicial duties, by words or conduct manifest bias or prejudice, or engage in harassment, including but not limited to bias, prejudice, or harassment based upon race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, socioeconomic status, or political affiliation, and shall not permit court staff, court officials, or others subject to the judge's direction and control to do so.

Court Professional Canon 1.3: Fairness. The court professional makes the court accessible and conducts his or her work without bias or prejudice.