

JUDICIAL ETHICS

CANON 1 A JUDGE SHALL UPHOLD AND PROMOTE THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, AND IMPARTIALITY OF THE JUDICIARY, AND SHALL AVOID IMPROPRIETY AND THE APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY.

CANON 2 A JUDGE SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF JUDICIAL OFFICE IMPARTIALLY, COMPETENTLY, AND DILIGENTLY.

CANON 3 A JUDGE SHALL CONDUCT THE JUDGE'S PERSONAL AND EXTRAJUDICIAL ACTIVITIES TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF CONFLICT WITH THE OBLIGATIONS OF JUDICIAL OFFICE.

CANON 4 A JUDGE OR CANDIDATE FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICAL OR CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, OR IMPARTIALITY OF THE JUDICIARY.

VIOLATING THESE RULES SUBJECTS A JUDGE TO POSSIBLE CENSURE, REPRIMAND, OR EVEN REMOVAL FROM THE BENCH.

**AND OFTEN
YOU MAY FIND
OUT ABOUT IT
LIKE THIS:**

“YOU'RE A REAL F*WIT”,
DRUNK JUDGE TELLS LAWYER**
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

DISTRICT JUDGE..... HAD DRUNK
BRANDY BEFORE COURT. A DRUNK
DISTRICT JUDGE WAS THROWN OUT OF A
COURTROOM AFTER SHE FORCIBLY KISSED
A SOLICITOR AND SWORE AT A
PROSECUTOR.

**12 SIMPLE
DON'TS**

1. USE JUDICIAL AUTHORITY TO BENEFIT A FRIEND OR OTHER PERSON. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 2 RULE 2.4

JUDGE CENSURED FOR RULING IN CASES INVOLVING GIRLFRIEND

October 22, 2004

THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT HAS FORMALLY CENSURED A JUDGE FOR RULING ON CASES INVOLVING A WOMAN WITH WHOM HE WAS ROMANTICALLY INVOLVED.

THE JUDGE, AGREED TO THE CENSURE AND THE FACTS AS PRESENTED BY THE COMMISSION, ACCORDING TO AN OCT. 6 COMMISSION REPORT THAT WAS RELEASED ON THURSDAY.

THE INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT THE JUDGE RULED ON THE PLACEMENT OF TROUBLED YOUTHS IN CASES THAT INVOLVED HIS GIRLFRIEND, IN HER ROLE AS THE DIRECTOR OF A YOUTH RESIDENCE.

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2. USE THE POWERS OF JUDGE'S OFFICE FOR JUDGE'S OWN BENEFIT. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 1 RULE 1.3

**JUDGES PLEAD GUILTY-
PROFITED \$2.6 MILLION
JAILING KIDS**

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**TWO JUDGES PLED GUILTY THURSDAY IN
FEDERAL CRIMINAL COURT. THE
JUDGES, ALONG SIDE THEIR CRIMINAL
ATTORNEYS, PLED GUILTY IN FEDERAL
COURT FOR ACCEPTING \$2.6 MILLION IN
PAYOFFS FROM A PRIVATE YOUTH
DETENTION CENTER.**

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**2. USE THE POWERS OF JUDGE'S OFFICE
FOR JUDGE'S OWN BENEFIT. ABA MODEL CODE
OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 1 RULE 1.3**

**3. USE THE POWERS OF JUDICIAL OFFICE
TO RETALIATE AGAINST OTHERS. ABA MODEL
CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 2 RULE 2.3 CANON 4 RULE 4.1**

**AGENCY REPRIMANDS
EX-JUDGE.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2008, 03:24 PM

**THE STATE COMMISSION ON
JUDICIAL CONDUCT HAS ISSUED A
PUBLIC REPRIMAND AGAINST A
FORMER DISTRICT COURT JUDGE.
THE COMMISSION SANCTIONED (HIM)
FOR MISUSING HIS POSITION TO
ATTACK POLITICAL OPPONENTS.**

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4. USE YOUR OFFICE OR TITLE WHEN NOT CONDUCTING OFFICIAL JUDICIAL BUSINESS. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 1 RULE 1.3

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPRIMANDED

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009, 04:00 PM

THE STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT HAS REPRIMANDED A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR VIOLATING THREE ETHICAL RULES AFTER A NEAR ACCIDENT WITH A STUDENT IN 2008. ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION, (THE) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOLLOWED THE STUDENT, AND ASKED HER TO APPEAR IN HIS COURTROOM THE NEXT MORNING.

(HE) MET THE UNNAMED STUDENT AND HER FATHER SITTING AT THE BENCH WEARING HIS JUDICIAL ROBES. HE ADMITTED GROWING ANNOYED WHEN THE STUDENT'S FATHER QUESTIONING HIS AUTHORITY TO ORDER THE STUDENT TO APPEAR IN COURT. AT THE JUDGE'S DIRECTION, A CITATION FOR MAKING AN IMPROPER LANE CHANGE WAS ISSUED.

5 TALK TO ONE SIDE OF A CASE WITHOUT THE OTHER SIDE BEING PRESENT. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 2 RULE 2.10 RULE 2.9

FLORIDA JUDGE ACCUSED OF IMPROPER RELATIONSHIP AND CONDUCT

Published 1, May 26, 2008

A NEW JUDGE IS UNDER SCRUTINY OVER IMPROPER HER RELATIONSHIP AND CONDUCT. THE CHIEF CRIMINAL JUDGE, IS ACCUSED OF HAVING A ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND ALSO DISCUSSING PENDING MURDER CASES OVER DINNER WITH PROSECUTORS – INCLUDING LAUGHING ABOUT THE EVIDENCE, JURORS, AND CAPITAL CHARGES.

5 LET YOUR PERSONAL LIFE AFFECT DECISIONS IN THE COURTROOM. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 2 RULE 2.4 RULE 2.9

6. ENGAGE IN BEHAVIOR THAT IS BIASED OR THAT CONSTITUTES HARASSMENT. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 2 RULE 2.3

BUTT-SLAPPING JUDGE WARNED
MAY 30, 2008

ACCORDING TO FINDINGS, (A) JUDGE, BEHAVED BADLY AT A CHRISTMAS PARTY. LAWYERS, COURT STAFF, POLICE AND OTHERS, TOLD THE COMMISSION THAT (HE) SLAPPED THE FEMALE ATTORNEY'S BUTTOCKS.

THE SECOND JUDGE ASKED AN ATTORNEY THE ORIGIN OF HIS FIRST NAME. WHEN TOLD THAT IT WAS OF AFRICAN ORIGIN, THE JUDGE ENGAGED IN A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE TRANSPORTATION OF ENSLAVED AFRICANS TO THE AMERICAS. THE COMMISSION FOUND THAT THE JUDGE'S COMMENTS, ALONG WITH A DISCUSSION ABOUT POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT IN THE PERSONAL INJURY CASE AND HIS STATEMENT THAT HE IS A REPUBLICAN, MADE (THE ATTORNEY'S) CLIENTS QUESTION THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE COURT.

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6. ENGAGE IN BEHAVIOR THAT IS BIASED OR THAT CONSTITUTES HARASSMENT. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 2 RULE 2.3

7. PUBLICLY RAISE MONEY OR SUPPORT ANY EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY FOR ANYONE. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 3 RULE 3.7

JUDGE ADMONISHED FOR FUND RAISING

APRIL 5, 2007

WITH NEARLY TWO DECADES OF JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE, A (JUDGE) SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO ENGAGE IN FUND RAISING ON BEHALF OF A NETWORKING GROUP.

THE COMMISSION ADMONISHED (THE JUDGE) FOR IMPROPERLY RAISING FUNDS ON BEHALF OF A GROUP THAT DONATED THE FUNDS TO LOCAL NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO BENEFIT WOMEN AND FAMILIES.

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7. PUBLICLY RAISE MONEY OR SUPPORT ANY EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY FOR ANYONE. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 3 RULE 3.7

8. ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW, OR GIVE LEGAL ADVICE AS A FULL TIME JUDGE. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 3 RULE 3.1

**PANEL: BENCH JUDGE,
DON'T JUST REPRIMAND**

DECEMBER 11, 2007

A DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE VOTED YESTERDAY TO RECOMMEND SUSPENSION FOR A JUDGE WHO HELPED SHIELD HER LAWYER-HUSBAND'S ASSETS AS HE WAS BEING DISBARRED.

AT THE HEARING, (THE JUDGE) STRUGGLED AT TIMES TO REMAIN COMPOSED. A FORMER MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, SHE SAID IT DID NOT OCCUR TO HER WHEN SHE AND HER HUSBAND CREATED A FAMILY TRUST THAT CHANGING OWNERSHIP OF REAL ESTATE WOULD BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF JUDICIAL ETHICS, BUT HAD SINCE REALIZED HER ERROR.

9. LOSE YOUR TEMPER IN PUBLIC EVER.
ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 1 RULE 1.3,
CANON 2.3

**EX-JUDGE REPRIMANDED
FOR TRAINING
CONFERENCE REMARKS**

FEB 29, 2008

A JUDGE HAS BEEN REPRIMANDED FOR DISPARAGING REMARKS ABOUT AFRICAN-AMERICANS SHE MADE AT A DRUG COURT TRAINING CONFERENCE.

THE JUDGE BECAME UPSET WITH THE COUNTY DRUG COURT PLANNING TEAM ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WITH HER. ACCORDING TO A COMPLAINT BY THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE, (SHE) SAID THAT AS FAR AS SHE WAS CONCERNED "THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY CAN JUST GO TO HELL," THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS.

9. LOSE YOUR TEMPER IN PUBLIC EVER.
ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 1 RULE 1.3,
CANON 2.3

**10. DO ANYTHING THAT IS UNDIGNIFIED
OR OTHERWISE REFLECTS POORLY ON
THE JUDICIARY.** ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL
CONDUCT CANON 1 RULE 1.2 RULE 1.3.

**OBSCENITY TRIAL HALTED
OVER JUDGE'S ONLINE
PORN**

JUNE 12, 2008

A HIGH-PROFILE OBSCENITY TRIAL HAS
BEEN PUT ON HOLD AFTER IT EMERGED
THAT THE TOP JUDGE HEARING IT HAD
POSTED SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL ON
HIS PERSONAL WEBSITE INCLUDING
FOOTAGE OF A SEMI-NAKED MAN
CAVORTING WITH A SEXUALLY AROUSED
FARM ANIMAL.

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CANON 2.3

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CONDUCT CANON 1 RULE 1.2 RULE 1.3.

**11. MAKE RULINGS NOT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE LAW.** ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT
CANON 1 RULE 1.1

JUDGE ADMONISHED FOR BANISHING DEFENDANT FROM COUNTY

MAY 07, 2008

A DISTRICT JUDGE WHO BANISHED FROM HER COUNTY A DEFENDANT SHE SAID WAS WREAKING "HAVOC" HAS BEEN ADMONISHED BY A STATE JUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY PANEL.

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11. MAKE RULINGS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 1 RULE 1.1

12. BREAK THE LAW. ABA MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT CANON 1 RULE 1.1

JUDGE CHARGED WITH SEX CRIMES

FEB. 28, 2009

A JUDGE IS NOW FACING CHARGES AFTER ALLEGEDLY PATRONIZING AND THREATENING TO KILL A PROSTITUTE

JUDGE PLEADS GUILTY OF DWI, COCAINE

(AP) SEPTEMBER 2, 2004

A FORMER CHIEF JUDGE CAUGHT DRIVING WITH A BLOOD-ALCOHOL LEVEL AT TWICE THE LEGAL LIMIT PLEADED GUILTY THURSDAY TO DWI AND COCAINE POSSESSION. HE WAS SENTENCED TO A YEAR OF PROBATION.
