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Annotated Model Code of Judicial Conduct

CHICAGO, Dec. 21, 2004 – [Annotated Model Code of Judicial Conduct](#), a new publication from the American Bar Association Center for Professional Responsibility and Judicial Division, presents an authoritative and practical analysis of the judicial ethics rules and the cases, ethics opinions, and other legal authorities essential to understanding them.

The *Model Code of Judicial Conduct* is intended to establish standards for ethical conduct of judges, provide guidance to judges and candidates for judicial office, and provide structure for regulating conduct through disciplinary agencies. The Model Code consists of broad statements called canons, specific rules set forth in sections under each canon, a Terminology Section, an Application Section and Commentary.

Each chapter in the *Annotated Model Code of Judicial Conduct* includes a canon and its commentary and a detailed discussion of the canon's background, meaning, application and interpretation. The book includes citations to nearly a thousand cases, hundreds of ethics opinions and numerous law review articles, making it a definitive examination of the current state of judicial ethics. The book also includes the 2004 edition of the *Model Code of Judicial Conduct*.

The ABA Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct at www.abanet.org/judicialethics, is currently reviewing the Code and has held several public hearings on proposed revisions. The commission is expected to recommend revisions for consideration by the ABA House of Delegates in August 2005. It is expected that these revisions will then be reviewed by the states and that the *Annotated Model Code of Judicial Conduct*, which the commission has been using as a primary reference, will be an invaluable tool in those reviews and in analyzing any new standards incorporated into the Code.

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