

HOUSEKEEPING REVISIONS TO THE 2007 MODEL CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

With the authority granted to it by the ABA House of Delegates, the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility approved the following “housekeeping” revisions to the ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct 2007, which have been incorporated into the 2007 Model Code.

"Application Section I (B): The word 'law' has been added to the term 'administrative judiciary,' so that it now reads 'administrative law judiciary.' The change was made for the sole purpose of being consistent with the title of the ABA's National Conference of the Administrative Law Judiciary. The Application Section's definition of a judge as "anyone who is authorized to perform judicial functions" is meant to apply to the broadest possible range of individuals, and would not, therefore, permit the exclusion of a judicial officer whose official title does not make reference to administrative 'law.'"

Rule 2.10 “Judicial Comments on Pending and Impending Cases”: Comments [2] and [3] have been reversed in order, to track the order in which their subject matter appears in the black letter text of that Rule.

Rule 3.4 “Appointments to Government Positions”: A new sentence has been added to Comment [1] to provide a logical transition from the subject matter of the Rule to that of the Comment.

Rule 4.1 “Political and Campaign Activities of Judges and Judicial Candidates in General”: In Comment [14] the word “advocating” replaces the word “lobbying,” to identify more precisely the type of activity intended.