

Comment Submission Guidelines

The ABA Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct is in the process of reviewing and updating the Model Code of Judicial Conduct. The Joint Commission has completed its preliminary draft of revised Canons 3 and a partial preliminary draft of Canon 4 and is seeking comment from the judiciary, the legal profession and the public. An initial decision of the Joint Commission was to reorganize the structure of the Canons, moving various code provisions to other parts of the Model Code. Please note that, due to the reorganization of the Model Code, the revised Canons 3 and 4 do not directly correlate with the existing Canons 3 and 4 in the Model Code of Judicial Conduct. Footnote notations have been inserted, however, to indicate the placement of parallel provisions in the present Code.

In addition to the revised Canons, you will find a memo that outlines specific issues. These issues have been the subject of extensive discussion within the Joint Commission. The Joint Commission requests that you consider the issues posed in this memo together with the revised Canons when providing comment.

Please be advised that these are preliminary drafts of Canons 3 and 4 presented for public comment and accordingly do not represent the final version of the revised Model Code.

The Joint Commission requests that public comment be submitted in writing, preferably by email, to [Eileen Gallagher](mailto:gallaghe@staff.abanet.org) (gallaghe@staff.abanet.org) or at the following mailing address: Eileen Gallagher, American Bar Association, Justice Center, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60610. **Written submissions should be received by the American Bar Association no later than the close of business on October 15, 2004.**

The ABA Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct appreciates the interest in its work and looks forward to reviewing the public comment.