

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 the remaining rules in Canon 4 (Rules 4.13 through 4.16), which relate to gifts, reimbursements, compensation, and reporting, and is seeking comment from the judiciary, the legal profession, and the public. In this draft, footnote notations have been used to indicate the location of parallel (though frequently modified) provisions in the present Code.

In addition to the draft of the revised rules on these four subjects, you will find a “Memo on Rules 4.13 to 4.16”, which identifies several issues that have been the subject of extensive discussion among the Committee and with respect to which the Commission is especially hopeful to receive comment. The memo also identifies and explains the key changes that appear in the draft Rules.

Please be advised that this is a preliminary draft presented for public comment and accordingly does not represent the final version of revisions to the Model Code.

The Joint Commission requests that comments be submitted in writing, preferably by e-mail, to Eileen Gallagher (gallaghe@staff.abanet.org) or at the following mail address: Eileen Gallagher, American Bar Association, Justice Center, 321 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60610. **Written submissions should be received by the American Bar Association no later than the close of business on November 19, 2004.**

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