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 Canon 5 for posting on the Commission’s website, and is seeking comment from the judiciary, the legal profession and the public. This draft contains only black letter Rule provisions; Commentary to accompany the Rules will be completed and made available in the near future.

In addition to posting the draft of black letter Rules for Canon 5, the Commission is posting separately a memo that calls attention to several issues on which the Commission is especially interested in receiving comments from all interested parties. The Joint Commission suggests that you consider those issues together with the revised Canons when providing comment.

Please be advised that these proposals are preliminary and do not represent the final version of the revised Model Code.

The Joint Commission requests that public comments be submitted in writing, preferably by e-mail, to Commission Counsel Eileen Gallagher (gallaghE@staff.abanet.org) or at the following mailing address: Eileen Gallagher, American Bar Association, Justice Center, 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60610.

Written submissions should be received by the American Bar Association no later than the close of business on March 15, 2005.

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