

Rule 4.13 (a) and (b)
Acceptance of Gifts
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Mr. Hagen recommends that the gift criteria be stated relative to the mean or median judicial salary to eliminate creeping devaluation with inflation. Mr. Hagen notes that recent statistics on judicial income are reported at “Survey of Judicial Salaries,” National Center for State Courts, Vol. 29, No. 1 (April 1, 2004), available at http://www.ncsconline.org/WC/Publications/KIS_JudComJudSal040104.pdf.

Mr. Hagen suggests the following revisions to Rule 4.13. (Additions underlined; deletions struck through).

- **Rule 4.13(a):**

7. “any other individual gift* valued at 0.04% of the medial judicial income ~~[\$50]~~ or less, or series or gifts from the same source whose value in the aggregate does not exceed 0.12% of the medial judicial income ~~[\$150]~~, if the donor is not:”

- **Rule 4.13(b):**

“For any gift other than a gift from a member of the judge’s family, that alone or in the aggregate with other gifts received from the same source in the same calendar year exceeds 0.2% of the medial judicial income ~~\$250.00 in value~~, the judge must publicly report in the same manner as the judge reports compensation, reimbursement or waiver of charges pursuant to Rule 4.16⁸.”