

JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (JEAC)

JEAC Contact Information

Inquiries from judges and judicial candidates may be referred to The Honorable Miguel de la O, Chair of the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Richard E. Gerstein Justice Building, 1351 N.W. 12th Street, Room 424, Miami, FL 33125. All questions must be in writing. Enforcement of the code is a function of the Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC). For more information and access to the JQC's online complaint form, see www.floridajqc.com.

JEAC History

In an order dated February 3, 1976, the Florida Supreme Court formally recognized the Committee on Standards of Conduct Governing Judges (now the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee). The court authorized the committee to render "written advisory opinions to inquiring judges concerning the propriety of contemplated judicial and non-judicial conduct." *Petition of the Committee on Standards of Conduct for Judges*, 327 So. 2d 5 (Fla. 1976). The supreme court subsequently authorized the committee to recommend changes in the Code of Judicial Conduct.

JEAC Opinions

The committee's advisory opinions addressing judicial questions about each of the canons in the Code of Judicial Conduct may be viewed online in a searchable database at www.jud6.org/LegalCommunity/LegalPractice/opinions/jeacopinions/jeac.html or <http://mobile.flcourts.org/jeac/>. The database contains advisory opinions from 1972 to the present.

JEAC Campaign Conduct Forums

The committee also presents campaign conduct forums for judicial candidates in all circuits with contested judicial elections. These forums educate candidates about Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct, provide candidates with sources of guidance for campaign conduct, and inform candidates of possible sanctions for violating Canon 7. The forums aid in maintaining a high level of integrity and professionalism among candidates for judicial office and in increasing public trust and confidence in the judicial system.

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