

**ARIZONA CODE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION**  
**Part 1: Judicial Branch Administration**  
**Chapter 3: Judicial Officers and Employees**  
**Section 1-308: Code of Conduct for Clerks of Superior Court**

**A. and B. [No Change]**

**C. Terminology**

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**“Political organization”** means a political party or other group sponsored by or affiliated with a political party or candidate, the principal purpose of which is to further the election or appointment of candidates for political office. For purposes of this code, the term does not include a ~~judicial candidate’s campaign committee created as authorized by Rule 4.3 of the Code of Judicial Conduct established in compliance with applicable law.~~ See generally A.R.S. § 16-901 *et seq.*

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**D. Conduct Rules and Comments.**

**CANON 1**  
**[No Change]**

**CANON 2**  
**[No Change]**

**CANON 3**

**A CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT SHALL CONDUCT ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF  
THE OFFICE TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF CONFLICT WITH THE OBLIGATIONS  
OF THE OFFICE.**

**RULE 3.1 through RULE 3.5 [No Change]**

**RULE 3.6.**  
**Financial Reporting Requirements**

(A) A clerk of superior court shall file annually the financial disclosure statement required by A.R.S. §§ ~~18-444, 38-542~~<sup>1</sup> *et seq.*, or other applicable law. The completion and filing of the annual financial disclosure statement fulfills the reporting requirements set forth in this code.

(B) [No Change]

## CANON 4

### A CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICAL OR CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, OR IMPARTIALITY OF THE OFFICE OR THE JUDICIARY.

#### RULE 4.1

##### General Activities

(A) In general, a clerk of superior court may participate in political activities that do not give the impression the judiciary itself endorses political candidates or supports political causes. This includes purchasing tickets for political dinners or other similar functions, but attendance at any such functions shall be restricted so as not to constitute a public endorsement of a candidate or cause otherwise prohibited by these rules. However, a clerk candidate shall not do any of the following:

(1) through (5) [No Change]

(6) personally solicit or accept campaign contributions other than through a campaign committee ~~authorized by Rule 4.4~~established in compliance with applicable law. See generally A.R.S. § 16-901 et seq.;

(7) use or permit the use of campaign contributions for the private benefit of the clerk, the candidate, or others, except as provided by law;

(8) use court staff, facilities, or other court resources in a campaign for office;

(9) make any statement that would reasonably be expected to affect the outcome or impair the fairness of a matter pending or impending in ay court; or

(10) in connection with case, controversies, or issues that are likely to come before the court, make pledges, promises, or commitments that are inconsistent with the impartial performance of the duties of the office.

(B) [No Change]

##### Comment

1. Through 5. [No Change]

6. Paragraphs (A)(~~89~~) and (~~910~~) apply the Rule 2.10 limitations on public statements to both incumbent clerks of superior court and candidates in an election campaign.

7. [No Change]

**RULE 4.2 through RULE 4.4 [No Change]**