



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

June 12, 2024

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Canon 3.A(5) and Canon 6.C., Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics, be amended to read in accordance with Appendices A and B, respectively, to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendments to Canon 3.A(5) and Canon 6.C. are effective immediately; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Canon 3 and Canon 6:

"Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Canon 3.A(5) and Canon 6.C., Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics, effective June 12, 2024, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from __ So. 3d."

Parker, C.J., and Shaw, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, Stewart, Mitchell, and Cook, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of June, 2024.

Megan B. Rhodebeck

**Clerk of Court,
Supreme Court of Alabama**

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APPENDIX A

Canon 3.A(5), Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics

(5) A judge should dispose promptly of the business of the court, being ever mindful of the cases or matters taken under submission or advisement. On the first day of January and the first day of July of each year, each judge shall file a report showing the cases or matters that have been under submission or advisement for six months or longer, and if there has been no case or matter under submission or advisement for six months or longer, the report shall so state. When a case or matter has been under submission or advisement for six months or longer, the report shall give the date that the case or matter was taken under submission or advisement and the reasons for the failure of the judge to decide the case or matter. Trial judges shall file their reports with the Administrative Office of Courts, and appellate judges shall file their reports with the clerk of their appellate court. A judge may either file a completed and signed paper version of his or her report or complete and file his or her report electronically and sign that report using an electronic signature pursuant to Rule 30(G), Ala. R. Jud. Admin.



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APPENDIX B

Canon 6.C., Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics

C. Disclosure of Financial Interests. A judge, at the time he or she takes the oath of office, or a candidate for judicial office, within 10 days after qualifying, shall file as a public document a "statement of economic interests" on the form prepared and prescribed by the Alabama Ethics Commission or its successor and shall disclose his or her economic interests as other state officers or candidates are required to disclose by any state ethics law.

In addition to the statement of economic interests, a judge shall file at the same time a "disclosure statement of financial interests." The disclosure statement of financial interests shall contain a list of the names of proprietorships, companies, corporations, and/or partnerships in which he or she owns a financial interest and a list of the names of creditors to whom he or she owes money.

The disclosure statement of financial interests shall be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court who shall keep the disclosure statement in a confidential format that is accessible by only the Clerk. A judge may either file a completed and signed paper version of his or her disclosure statement with the Clerk of the Supreme Court or complete and file the disclosure statement electronically with the Clerk of the Supreme Court and sign that statement using an electronic signature pursuant to Rule 30(G), Ala. R. Jud. Admin.

Any lawyer or litigant desiring to inquire as to a judge's possible conflict of interest in a case in which the lawyer or litigant is involved may do so by contacting the Clerk of the Supreme Court for a determination of whether a conflict of interest exists. The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall examine the judge's disclosure statement of financial interests in camera. Should no conflict exist, this fact shall be made known to the lawyer or litigant making the inquiry. Should a conflict exist, this fact shall be made known to the lawyer or litigant making the inquiry and be brought to the attention of the judge, who



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shall forthwith recuse himself or herself.