

NOTICE TO THE BAR

PROPOSED REVISED CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT – PUBLICATION FOR COMMENT

The Supreme Court invites written comments on the Proposed Revised Code of Judicial Conduct. The proposed revised code is based on the Report of the Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct, which was chaired by former Chief Justice Poritz, though the code as proposed differs from that put forward by the Ad Hoc Committee in a number of respects, including the following: defining the appearance of impropriety as it relates to the personal conduct of a judge, clarifying a judge's use of judicial letterhead for letters of recommendations, clarifying permissible and impermissible communications with jurors, retaining the "one share" rule regarding financial disqualification of judges, revising rules and providing clarity regarding disqualification of judges due to personal relationships with a party or counsel, and creating a new rule regarding the disqualification of judges in response to a grievance or law suit being filed against a judge. The proposed revised code and the Ad Hoc Committee's report are attached and also available on the Judiciary's Internet website at <http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/reports2016/index.htm>.

Please send any comments on the proposed revised code in writing by May 1, 2016 to:

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Hughes Justice Complex; P.O. Box 037
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Comments may also be submitted via Internet e-mail to the following address:
Comments.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us

The Supreme Court will not consider comments submitted anonymously. Thus, those submitting comments by mail should include their name and address (and those submitting comments by e-mail should include their name and e-mail address). Comments are subject to public disclosure upon receipt.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn A. Grant by SOB".

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Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: March 7, 2016