

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend Canon 3 of the Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

Canon 3A(8) of the Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

CANON 3

**A Judge Shall Perform the Duties of Office
Impartially and Diligently**

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1. Adjudicative Responsibilities.

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(8) A judge shall not, while a proceeding is pending or impending in any court, make any public comment that might reasonably be expected to affect its outcome or impair its fairness, and shall require similar abstention on the part of court personnel subject to his or her direction and control. This subsection does not prohibit judges from making public statements in the course of their official duties or from explaining for public information the procedures of the court.

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This amendment shall become effective upon signing and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter until amended through further orders of the Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this _____ day of March, 2002.

FOR THE COURT:

Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice