

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

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ORDER

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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 7 of the Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

Canon 7B(1)(d) of the Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct be and is hereby amended to provide:

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**B. Campaign Conduct.**

(1) A judge or judicial candidate:

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(d) shall not

(i) make pledges or promises of conduct in office other than the faithful and impartial performance of the duties of the office;

(ii) make statements that commit or appear to commit the candidate with respect to cases, controversies, or issues that are likely to come before the court;

(iii) knowingly misrepresent the identity, qualifications, present position or other fact concerning the candidate or an opponent; or

(iv) 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.

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**Court Commentary Regarding 2002 Amendment to Canon 7**

The 2002 amendment to Canon 7B(1)(d) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, concerning public comments about pending or impending proceedings, is not intended to apply to in-court comments by lawyer candidates, or comments regarding a case or proceeding that the lawyer candidate is participating in. Comments by a lawyer candidate regarding a proceeding that the lawyer candidate is participating in, or a proceeding in which an associate of the lawyer candidate is participating in, are governed by Rule 3.6 of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct.

This amendment shall become effective on April 15, 2002 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:

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Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice