

West's Pennsylvania Administrative Code
Title 207. Judicial Conduct
Part II. Conduct Standards
Chapter 33. Code of Judicial Conduct
Subchapter A. Canons

207 Pa. Code Canon 4

Canon 4. Judges may engage in activities to improve the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice.

Currentness

Judges, subject to the proper performance of their judicial duties, may engage in the following quasi-judicial activities, if in doing so they do not cast doubt on their capacity to decide impartially any issue that may come before them:

- A. They may speak, write, lecture, teach, and participate in other activities concerning the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice.
- B. They may appear at a public hearing before an executive or legislative body or official on matters concerning the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice, and they may otherwise consult with an executive or legislative body or official, but only on matters concerning the administration of justice.
- C. They may serve as a member, officer, or director of an organization or governmental agency devoted to the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice. They may assist such an organization in raising funds and may participate in their management and investment, but should not personally participate in public fund raising activities. They may make recommendations to public and private fund-granting agencies on projects and programs concerning the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice.

Official Note

As a judicial officer and person specially learned in the law, judges are in a unique position to contribute to the improvement of the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice. To the extent that their time permits, they are encouraged to do so, either independently or through a bar association, judicial conference, or other organization dedicated to the improvement of the law.

Extra-judicial activities are governed by Canon 5.

Credits

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