

**Rule 8.2. Judicial Officials.**

1        (a) A licensed paralegal practitioner shall not make a public statement that the licensed  
2 paralegal practitioner knows to be false or with reckless disregard as to its truth or falsity  
3 concerning the qualifications or integrity of a judge, adjudicatory officer or a candidate for  
4 election or appointment to judicial office.

5        (b) Reserved.

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8        [1] Assessments by licensed paralegal practitioners are relied on in evaluating the  
9 professional or personal fitness of persons being considered for election or appointment to  
10 judicial office. Expressing honest and candid opinions on such matters contributes to improving  
11 the administration of justice. Conversely, false statements by a licensed paralegal practitioner can  
12 unfairly undermine public confidence in the administration of justice.

13        [2] Reserved.

14        [3] To maintain the fair and independent administration of justice, licensed paralegal  
15 practitioners are encouraged to continue traditional efforts to defend judges and courts unjustly  
16 criticized.

17        [3a] Reserved.

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