RULE 4.1

Political and Campaign Activities of Judges and Judicial Candidates* in General

(A) Except as permitted in this Canon, a judge or a judicial candidate shall not:

(1) act as a leader in, or hold an office in, a political organization;*
(2) make speeches on behalf of a political organization;
(3) publicly endorse or oppose a candidate for any public office;
(4) solicit funds for, pay an assessment to, or make a contribution* to a political organization or a candidate for public office;
(5) attend or purchase tickets for dinners or other events sponsored by a political organization or a candidate for public office;
(6) publicly identify himself or herself as a member of a political organization, except as necessary to vote in an election;
(7) seek, accept, or use endorsements from a political organization;
(8) use court staff or make excessive use of court facilities or other court resources in seeking judicial office;
(9) knowingly,* or with reckless disregard for the truth, make any false or misleading statement in seeking judicial office;
(10) make any statement that would reasonably be expected to affect the outcome or impair the fairness of a matter pending* or impending* in any court; or
(11) make pledges, promises, or commitments other than the faithful, impartial and diligent performance of judicial duties.

(B) A judge or judicial candidate shall take reasonable measures to ensure that other persons do not undertake, on behalf of the judge or judicial candidate, any activities prohibited under this Canon.

(C) Prior to confirmation, a non-judge judicial candidate is not required to comply with Subsections (A)(1), (A)(4), (A)(5), or (A)(6).