

1       **RULE 4.1**

2       ***Political and Campaign Activities of Judges and Judicial***  
3 ***Candidates\* in General***

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

6       **(1) act as a leader in, or hold an office in, a political organization;\***

7       **(2) make speeches on behalf of a political organization;**

8       **(3) publicly endorse or oppose a candidate for any public office;**

9       **(4) solicit funds for, pay an assessment to, or make a contribution\***  
10 **to a political organization or a candidate for public office;**

11       **(5) attend or purchase tickets for dinners or other events**  
12 **sponsored by a political organization or a candidate for public office;**

13       **(6) publicly identify himself or herself as a member of a political**  
14 **organization, except as necessary to vote in an election;**

15       **(7) seek, accept, or use endorsements from a political organization;**

16       **(8) use court staff or make excessive use of court facilities or other**  
17 **court resources in seeking judicial office;**

18       **(9) knowingly,\* or with reckless disregard for the truth, make any**  
19 **false or misleading statement in seeking judicial office;**

20       **(10) make any statement that would reasonably be expected to**  
21 **affect the outcome or impair the fairness of a matter pending\* or**  
22 **impending\* in any court; or**

23       **(11) make pledges, promises, or commitments other than the**  
24 **faithful, impartial and diligent performance of judicial duties.**

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

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