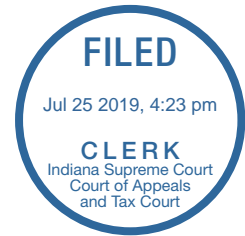


In the  
Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 19S-MS-41



Order Amending Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct

Under the authority vested in this Court pursuant to Article 7, Section 4 of the Indiana Constitution providing for the discipline, removal and retirement of judges, the Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct, Rule 2.12 is amended to read as follows (deletions shown by ~~striking~~ and new text show by underlining):

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**RULE 2.12: Supervisory Duties**

(A) A judge shall require court staff, court officials, and others subject to the judge's direction and control to act in a manner consistent with the judge's obligations under this Code.

(B) A judge with supervisory authority for the performance of other judges shall take reasonable measures to ensure that those judges properly discharge their judicial responsibilities, including the prompt disposition of matters before them.

**Comment**

[1] A judge is responsible for his or her own conduct and for the conduct of others, such as staff, when those persons are acting at the judge's direction or control. A judge may not direct court personnel to engage in conduct on the judge's behalf or as the judge's representative when such conduct would violate the Code if undertaken by the judge.


[2] Public confidence in the judicial system depends upon timely justice. To promote the efficient administration of justice, a judge with supervisory authority must take the steps needed to ensure that judges under his or her supervision administer their workloads promptly.

[3] A judge is responsible for ensuring competency, efficiency, and productivity of court staff. To better provide accurate performance of court staff duties and to best serve the public and the judge, a judge is encouraged to make certain that court staff receive training on a regular and continuing basis.

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This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2020.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 7/25/2019.

  
Loretta H. Rush  
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.