

CANON 2, RULE 2.1

A judge shall perform the duties of judicial office impartially, competently, and diligently.

RULE 2.1: GIVING PRECEDENCE TO THE DUTIES OF JUDICIAL OFFICE

The duties of judicial office, as prescribed by law,* shall take precedence over all of a judge's personal and extrajudicial activities.

COMMENTS

- [1] To ensure that judges are available to fulfill their judicial duties, judges must conduct their personal and extrajudicial activities, including their use of social media or participation on social networking platforms, to minimize the risk of conflicts that would result in frequent disqualification. See Canon 3.
- [2] Although it is not a duty of judicial office unless prescribed by law, judges are encouraged to participate in activities that promote public understanding of and confidence in the justice system.
- [3] Judges are reminded that article VI, section 13(b), of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 requires that a judge "shall devote full time to judicial duties." See Rule 3.1 concerning a judge's ability to participate in teaching.