

Committee on Judicial Ethics
Special Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2025

Committee members present via *Microsoft Teams*: Judge Kimberly A. Knox (Chair), Judge Karen A. Goodrow, Judge Robert B. Shapiro, Professor Carolyn W. Kaas, Judge Daniel J. Klau, and Judge Wendy Grispin. Staff present: Attorney Steven Bidwell (Assistant Secretary), Attorney Cynthia A. Theran (Assistant Secretary), and Carolina E. Marin.

MINUTES

- I. Judge Knox called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Although publicly noticed, no members of the public were present.
- II. Judge Grispin made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, Special Meeting. Judge Klau seconded the motion. Judge Shapiro abstained from voting. The Committee approved the minutes.
- III. The Committee discussed and considered draft [Informal JE 2025-01](#) concerning the Judicial Official's (JO) obligation under Rule 2.15 (a) of the Code of Judicial Conduct to report another JO's alleged violation of Rule 1.2 to the Chief Court Administrator and/or the Judicial Review Council. The following issues were presented:
 - (1) What qualifies as the "appropriate authority" under Rule 2.15 (a)?
 - a. Does Rule 2.15 (a) obligate the JO to report the conduct directly to the Chief Court Administrator ("CCA") or is it sufficient that the AJ reported the conduct to the CCA?
 - b. Does Rule 2.15 (a) obligate the JO to report the conduct to the Judicial Review Council?

The Committee reviewed the staff recommendation. The Committee concluded that, based upon the facts presented, including that the JO has actual knowledge of the alleged misconduct and that it raises a substantial question regarding another JO's fitness to serve as a judge, under Rule 2.15 (a) and Comment (1) of the staff recommendation, the JO is obligated to report the matter directly to the Judicial Review Council, which is the appropriate disciplinary authority.

- IV. New Business: None.
- V. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.