

**RULES GOVERNING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OF
DISTRICT JUSTICES**

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RULE 15. PUBLIC OFFICE AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY

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D. With respect to his campaign conduct, a district justice or a candidate
for

such office shall:

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(3) not make pledges or promises of conduct in office other than the faithful and impartial performance of the duties of the office; [announce his views on disputed legal or political issues] make statements that commit or appear to commit the candidate with respect to cases, controversies or issues that are likely to come before the court; or misrepresent his identity, qualifications, present position, or other fact.

Commentary: The United States Supreme Court in *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, 122 S. Ct. 2528 (2002) concluded that a canon of judicial conduct prohibiting judicial candidates from “announcing their views on disputed legal or political issues” is violative of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

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