

1 **RULE 2.1 Giving Precedence to the Duties of Judicial Office**

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3 The duties of judicial office, as prescribed by *law*, shall take precedence over all of a
4 judge’s ~~personal and extrajudicial~~ other activities.
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7 **Comment**

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9 [1] To ensure that judges are available to fulfill their judicial duties, judges must
10 conduct their personal and extrajudicial activities to minimize the risk of conflicts that would
11 result in frequent disqualification or unavailability. See Canon 3.
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13 [2] Although it is not a duty of judicial office unless prescribed by law, judges are
14 encouraged to participate in activities that promote public understanding of and confidence in the
15 justice system.
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18 **Comparison to Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct**

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20 Rule 2.1 is comparable to Ohio Canon 3(A) and does not depart substantively from that
21 rule.
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23 **Comparison to ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct**

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25 Rule 2.1 is modified to substitute the word “other” for the phrase “personal and
26 extrajudicial,” thus retaining language found in the Ohio Code. “Other” is broader and more
27 encompassing than the Model Code language.