

1 **RULE 2.12 Supervisory Duties**

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

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

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11 **Comment**

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13 [1] A judge is responsible for his or her own conduct and for the conduct of others,
14 ~~such as staff,~~ when those persons are acting at the judge’s direction or control. A judge may not
15 direct court personnel to engage in conduct on the judge’s behalf or as the judge’s representative
16 when such conduct would violate the Code if undertaken by the judge.

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18 [2] Public confidence in the judicial system depends upon timely justice. To promote
19 the efficient administration of justice, a judge with supervisory authority must take the steps
20 needed to ensure that judges under his or her supervision administer their workloads promptly.

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23 **Comparison to Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct**

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25 Rule 2.12(A) is comparable to Ohio Canon 3(C)(2), and Rule 2.12(B) is comparable to
26 Ohio Canon 3(C)(3).

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28 **Comparison to ABA Model Code of Judicial Conduct**

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30 Rule 2.12 is identical to Model Rule 2.12, except for the deletion of surplus language in
31 Comment [1].