

1 **RULE 2.7 Responsibility to Decide**

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3 A judge shall hear and decide matters assigned to the judge, except when disqualification
4 is required by Rule 2.11 or other *law*.

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7 **Comment**

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9 [1] Judges must be available to decide the matters that come before the court.
10 Although there are times when disqualification is necessary to protect the rights of litigants and
11 preserve public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary,
12 judges must be available to decide matters that come before the courts. Unwarranted
13 disqualification may bring public disfavor to the court and to the judge personally. The dignity
14 of the court, the judge’s respect for fulfillment of judicial duties, and a proper concern for the
15 burdens that may be imposed upon the judge’s colleagues require that a judge not use
16 disqualification to avoid cases that present difficult, controversial, or unpopular issues.

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

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21 Rule 2.7 is comparable to Ohio Canon 3(B)(1).

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

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25 Rule 2.7 is identical to Model Rule 2.7.