**Topic 3: Courts, Laws and Ethics**

**Ethical Dilemmas in the Courts Worksheet**

**Instructions**: Complete Parts 1 and 2 of the “Ethical Dilemmas in the Courts Worksheet”.

**Part I:** Please consult the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct to determine the appropriate responses to the following questions:

1. During a campaign for elected judicial office, incumbents and judicial candidates often want to use the title “judge” or appear in campaign photographs or advertisements wearing judicial robes.

a. May an incumbent judge running for election to the office currently held use the judicial title and appear in photographs or advertisements wearing robes? If not, why might this be a part of the code of conduct?

**Answer**: Yes.

b. May a judge running for election to a different judicial office or a full-time pro tem judge running for election to the bench use the title “judge” and appear in photographs or advertisements wearing robes? If not, why might this be a part of the code of conduct?

**Answer**: No

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c. May a candidate who formerly served as a judge use the judicial title and appear in photographs or advertisements wearing robes? If not, why might this be a part of the code of conduct?

**Answer**: No.

2) May judges or judicial employees attending conferences accept food, refreshments or gifts from trade associations whose members litigate in the courts or from vendors who frequently do business with the courts? If not, why might this be a part of the code of conduct?

**Answer**: Yes, with reserve

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3) May a judge standing for retention or election respond to a political interest group questionnaire seeking the candidate’s views on disputed political and legal issues or judicial philosophy? If not, why might this be a part of the code of conduct?

**Answer**: Yes, provided the responses conform to the requirements of Canon

5B(1)(d)

4) May a judicial candidate publicly discuss an initiative measure to amend the Arizona Constitution also appearing on the ballot? If not, why might this be a part of the code of conduct?

**Answer**: Yes, provided any public comments conform to the requirements of Canon

5B(1)(d)

5) May a sitting judge not campaigning for election or retention publicly express his or her views on disputed political or legal issues under the Code of Judicial Conduct? If not, why might this be a part of the code of conduct?

**Answer**: No.

6) At what point must a newly elected or appointed judge refrain from making public political comments? Why might this be a part of the code of conduct?

**Answer:** When an elected judge becomes constitutionally entitled to hold office or on

the effective date of a judge’s

appointment.

7) When should a judge or court employee report alleged judicial misconduct? Why might this be a part of the code of conduct?

**Part II:** Address the following in a 500-750-word response:

Imagine you are either a judge or a lawyer.

1. Describe a situation you could face in that role that would require you to reconcile your personal ethical standards with the professional responsibilities you would be required to perform.
2. Explain how you would go about reconciling your personal ethics in that situation. (comp. 3.1)
3. Explain how Christian Worldview principles might assist you in navigating this situation.

Be sure to cite three to five relevant scholarly sources in support of your content. Use only sources found at the GCU Library, government websites, or those provided in Topic Materials.

This assignment uses a rubric. Please review the rubric prior to beginning the assignment to become familiar with the expectations for successful completion.

Prepare this assignment according to the guidelines found in the GCU Style Guide, located in the Student Success Center.

You are required to submit this assignment to LopesWrite. Refer to the [LopesWrite Technical Support articles](https://support.gcu.edu/hc/en-us/sections/360001963394-LopesWrite) for assistance.

*This assignment assesses the following Programmatic competency: 3.1- Reconcile personal ethical standards with those of a professional organization culture. (MC3).*