



Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission

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Upon the approval of the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission, Executive Director David J. Sachar announces the following concerning relevant dates for the upcoming 2022 nonpartisan judicial elections.

Rule 4.2 (B) of the Code of Judicial Conduct allows for candidates to publically announce their intention to seek judicial office and establish a campaign committee not earlier than 365 days before the first applicable election. Rule 4.4 (B)(2) allows for campaign committees to refrain from soliciting or accepting contributions to the current campaign more than 180 days before the applicable election. Under the same provision campaign committees must not solicit or accept contributions more than 45 days after the last election in which the candidate participated.

The following dates have been calculated to apply to judicial candidates in the 2022 election cycle:

Election date: Tuesday, May 24, 2022

365 days before the election: Monday, May 24, 2021

180 days before the election: Thursday, November 25, 2021

45 days after the election: Friday, July 8, 2022

If any judicial elections result in a run-off election, the 45 day limit on retiring debt should be calculated from the end of the run-off election date. This would only apply to the two candidates in the contested run-off. Act 545, as well as the other relevant portions of Arkansas Code Annotated, should be reviewed when candidates consider the candidate filing period, access to the ballot via signature and other dates of interest.

All candidates for judicial office should review the Code of Judicial Conduct and encourage those working on their campaign to do the same.

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