



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 2024 nonpartisan judicial elections.

Rule 4.2 (B) of the Code of Judicial Conduct allows candidates to publicly announce their intention to seek judicial office and establish a campaign committee not earlier than 365 days before the first applicable election. Pursuant to Rule 4.4 (B)(2), judicial candidates shall direct their campaign committees to refrain from soliciting or accepting contributions for 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 2024 election cycle:

Election date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

365 days before the election: Monday, March 6, 2023

180 days before the election: Thursday, September 7, 2023

45 days after the election: Friday, April 19, 2024

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. Relevant portions of the Arkansas Code 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, specifically Canon 4, and encourage those working on their campaigns to do the same. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that their campaign committees comply with applicable provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct and other applicable election and fund-raising laws and regulations.

For more information, Candidates should be sure to consult additional materials provided by the Arkansas Secretary of State, the Arkansas Ethics Commission, and the Arkansas Board of Election Commissioners.

The JDDC will host and present two free training sessions for candidates and their campaign staff in August and September of 2023. Specific dates will be announced at a later time.



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