



## *Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission*

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Upon the approval of the Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission, Executive Director Emily Abbott announces the following relevant dates for the upcoming 2024 nonpartisan judicial elections:

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| <b><u>July 23, 2023</u></b>      | First day for nonpartisan candidates wishing to file by petition to begin circulating petitions. Ark. Code § 7-10-103(c)(1)(B)   |
| <b><u>September 7, 2023</u></b>  | Fundraising may begin. See Code of Judicial Conduct, Rules 4.1, 4.2, 4.4   |
| <b><u>September 14, 2023</u></b> | First day for nonpartisan judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in the nonpartisan election without paying a filing fee. Political practices pledge to be filed with petition. Ark. Code § 7-6-102(a)(6); Ark. Code § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i) |
| <b><u>September 21, 2023</u></b> | Deadline for nonpartisan judicial candidates to file petitions for ballot access in the nonpartisan election without paying a filing fee. Political practices pledge to be filed with petition. Ark. Code § 7-6-102(a)(6); § 7-10-103(c)(1)(A)(i)            |
| <b><u>November 6, 2023</u></b>   | The period for paying fees and filing political practices pledges for nonpartisan offices not filing by petition shall begin at 3:00 pm on the first day of the party filing period. Ark. Code § 7-10-103(b)(2)(B)   |

**November 14, 2023**

The period for paying fees and filing political practices pledges for nonpartisan offices not filing by petition shall end at 3:00 pm on the last day of the party filing period. Ark. Code § 7-10-103(b)(2)(B)

**November 20, 2023**

Non-incumbent candidates for elective office shall file the statement of financial interest for the previous calendar year on the first Monday following the close of the period to file as a candidate. Ark. Code § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A); Ark. Code § 21-8-703(a)

**January 31, 2024**

Deadline for incumbent office holders to file a statement of financial interest for 2023. Ark. Code § 21-8-701(c)(1)(A); Ark. Code § 21-8-703(a)

**February 19, 2024**

Early voting begins.

**March 5, 2024**

ELECTION DAY

**April 19, 2024**

45 days after the election.  
See Code of Judicial Conduct, Rule 4.4

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 the Code of Judicial Conduct and other applicable election and fundraising laws and regulations, including the appropriate completion of Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Reports if a candidate's representative completes the reports.

For more information, candidates should consult materials provided by the Secretary of State, the Arkansas Ethics Commission, and the Arkansas Board of Election Commissioners.

The JDDC will host free training sessions for judicial candidates and campaign committees on August 18, 2023, and September 8, 2023, from 11:30am – 1:00pm. For more information or to register, please email [JDDC@Arkansas.gov](mailto:JDDC@Arkansas.gov).



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