

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of: )  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TASK ) Administrative Order  
FORCE ON THE CODE OF JUDICIAL ) No. 2007 - 36  
CONDUCT )  
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Under Article 6, Sections 1 and 3 of the Arizona Constitution, the Supreme Court has administrative supervision over all state and local courts and the authority to supervise all judges within the integrated judicial department. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Court has adopted a Code of Judicial Conduct applicable to all state and local judges based on the Model Code of Judicial Conduct approved by the American Bar Association. Using the model code as a guideline, the Court approved new judicial codes in 1975 and again in 1993. The current version of the judicial code is contained in Rule 81 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Following four years of intensive study and review by the ABA Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct, the ABA House of Delegates adopted a new model code at its mid-year meeting in February 2007. The new model code contains substantial changes and numerous recommendations for updating and revising comparable state codes. To help ensure the highest standards of judicial conduct, the Chief Justice has deemed it advisable to organize a task force to review and, if necessary, recommend revisions to the current judicial code governing the conduct of all judges in the Arizona Judicial Branch.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article 6, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the Task Force on the Code of Judicial Conduct is established as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The Task Force shall review the 2007 Model Code and the current Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct and, if appropriate, recommend changes to the state code. The Task Force shall examine the structure and format of the codes, the content of individual canons and rules, the relationship of the canons to one another, and modifications that reflect the unique character and customs of our state and the various methods employed throughout the state to select, appoint and elect judges. The Task Force may consider the canons out of order to accommodate concerns about the specific provisions in the code that govern judges who will stand for election or re-election in the 2008 general elections.

2. **Membership.** The initial membership of the Task Force is attached as Appendix A. The Chief Justice may appoint additional members as needed or desired. Terms of the Task Force members shall expire at the conclusion of the project.

3. **Meetings.** At the discretion of the Task Force chair, meetings may be scheduled,

canceled or moved. All meetings shall comply with the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 1-202: Public Meetings policy of the Arizona Judicial Branch.

4. **Reports.** The Task Force shall submit an interim report of its findings or recommendations to the court in January 2008 and a final report at the conclusion of the project.

5. **Administrative Support.** The Administrative Office of the Courts and the Supreme Court's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee shall provide administrative support and staff for the Task Force, in cooperation with the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Dated this 26th day of April, 2007.

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RUTH V. MCGREGOR  
Chief Justice

Attachment: Appendix A

## ATTACHMENT A

### TASK FORCE ON THE CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

#### MEMBERSHIP

Judge G. Murray Snow, Chairperson  
Court of Appeals, Division 1  
Maricopa County

Judge Wallace R. Hoggatt  
Superior Court  
Cochise County

Judge Peter Cahill, Vice Chairperson  
Superior Court  
Gila County

Margaret C. Kenski, Ph.D.  
Public Member  
Pima County

Judge J. William Brammer, Jr.  
Court of Appeals, Division 2  
Pima County

Judge Dennis Lusk  
Justice Court  
Pinal County

Judge Robert M. Brutinel  
Superior Court  
Yavapai County

Judge Michael O. Miller  
Superior Court  
Pima County

Judge Louis Dominguez  
Municipal Court  
Maricopa County

Judge Barbara R. Mundell  
Superior Court  
Maricopa County

Peter Dunn  
Public/Attorney Member  
Maricopa County

Karen E. Osborne  
Public Member  
Maricopa County

Lawrence Hammond  
Public/Attorney Member  
Maricopa County