Supreme Court of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 25-9082

Order Adopting Comment to Canon 4 of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct

ORDERED that:

- 1. The Court adopts the following comment to Canon 4 of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct, effective immediately.
- 2. The Clerk is directed to:
 - a. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State;
 - b. cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
 - c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each elected member of the Legislature; and
 - d. submit a copy of this Order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Date: October 24, 2025.

James D. Blacklock, Chief Justice
Delra W. Lehrmann, Justice
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John P. Devine, Justice
Dave N. Bland
Jane N. Bland, Justice
Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice
Evan A. Koung, Just
James P. Sullivan, Justice

TEXAS CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Canon 4: Conducting the Judge's Extra-Judicial Activities to Minimize the Risk of Conflict with Judicial Obligations

COMMENT

It is not a violation of these canons for a judge to publicly refrain from performing a wedding ceremony based upon a sincerely held religious belief.