

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS**

Pursuant to Article VI, § 20(b) of the State Constitution and Section 212(2)(b) of the Judiciary Law, upon consultation with the Administrative Board of the Courts, and with the approval of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, I hereby amend paragraphs 4 and 5 of Section 100.3(B) of the Code of Judicial Conduct (22 NYCRR § 100.3(B)), effective June 1, 2026, as follows (deletions in strikethrough and additions underscored):

§ 100.3. A Judge Shall Perform the Duties of Judicial Office Impartially and Diligently

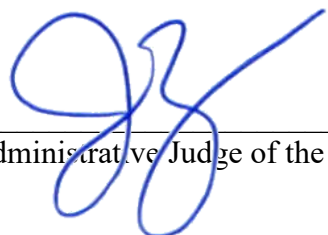
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(B) Adjudicative Responsibilities.

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(4) A judge shall perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice against or in favor of any person. A judge in the performance of judicial duties shall not, by words or conduct, manifest bias or prejudice, including but not limited to bias or prejudice based upon age, race, creed, color, ethnicity, sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, religion, national origin, disability, marital status or socioeconomic status, and shall require staff, court officials and others subject to the judge's direction and control to refrain from such words or conduct.

(5) A judge shall require lawyers in proceedings before the judge to refrain from manifesting, by words or conduct, bias or prejudice based upon age, race, creed, color, ethnicity, sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, religion, national origin, disability, marital status or socioeconomic status, against parties, witnesses, counsel or others. This paragraph does not preclude legitimate advocacy when age, race, creed, color, ethnicity, sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, religion, national origin, disability, marital status or socioeconomic status, or other similar factors are issues in the proceeding.



Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

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