

The Supreme Court of Ohio

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

January 20, 2009

[Cite as *1/20/2009 Administrative Actions*, 2009-Ohio-170.]

1. An amendment to Rule 4.2 of the amended Code of Judicial Conduct has been adopted. The amendment will become effective with the amended Code of Judicial Conduct on March 1, 2009. The amendment to Rule 4.2 modifies division (C)(6) and Comment [2] and adds new divisions (B)(4) and (C)(7), allowing party affiliation or membership to be communicated in person or in advertising through the date of the primary election.

Moyer, C.J., and Lundberg Stratton, O'Connor, O'Donnell, and Cupp, JJ., concurred in adopting the amendment.

Pfeifer and Lanzinger, JJ., dissented, citing the First Amendment principles expressed in *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White* (2002), 536 U.S. 765, 122 S.Ct. 2528, 153 L.Ed.2d 694.

The final version of the amended Code of Judicial Conduct, with the exception of the amendment to Rule 4.2, has been published in the January 19, 2009 Ohio Official Reports advance sheet.