

## **SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

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### **ORDER**

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Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend the Code of Judicial Conduct,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

#### **PART I.**

1. Canon 6B(3)(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) ordinary social hospitality provided the total value of the food, drink, or refreshment given to a judge at any single event shall not exceed fifty dollars regardless of the number of persons giving food, drink or refreshment to the judge at a single event. The value of the food, drink or refreshment provided to the judge shall be determined by dividing the total cost of the food, drink and refreshment provided at the event by the total number of persons invited, whether formally or informally, and which is communicated in any manner or form, to the event. For purposes of this Canon 6B(3)(c), “event” means a single activity, occasion, reception, meal or meeting at a given place and time. Beginning on July 1, 2009, and on July first of each year thereafter, when there has been an increase in the unadjusted Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) (Food and Beverage) as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in January each year, the limit of fifty dollars for food, drink or refreshments shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which that price index is increased. The amount of the increase shall be rounded off to the nearest dollar. The food, drink, or refreshment limit shall be promulgated to judges annually by the Supreme Court;

2. Canon 6B(4)(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) complimentary admission to a civic, non-profit or educational event when the judge is a program honoree, is giving a speech at the event, or is a panel member for a discussion occurring at the event.

3. Canon 6B(4)(d) is hereby deleted in its entirety.

## **PART II.**

This rule change shall become effective January 1, 2009 and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through further Order of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_, day of December, 2008.

FOR THE COURT:

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Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice