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## RE: Request from Fix the Court on review of judges' oversight of clerks

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Wed, Aug 5, 2026 at 3:51 PM

Hi, Gabe. I'm getting back to you on behalf of Judge Sippel in response to your email query below. Thanks for reaching out with this feedback. As you know, federal judges are subject to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, including the following parts of the Code:

Canon 1:

*"A judge should maintain and enforce high standards of conduct and should personally observe those standards, so that the integrity and independence of the judiciary may be preserved. The provisions of this Code should be construed and applied to further that objective."*

Canon 3A(2):

*"A judge should hear and decide matters assigned, unless disqualified, and should maintain order and decorum in all judicial proceedings."*

Canon 3A(5):

*"A judge should dispose promptly of the business of the court."*

Canon 3B(1):

*"A judge should diligently discharge administrative responsibilities, maintain professional competence in judicial administration, and facilitate the performance of the administrative responsibilities of other judges and court personnel."*

Commentary to Canon 3A(5):

*"Prompt disposition of the court's business requires a judge to devote adequate time to judicial duties, to be punctual in attending court and expeditious in determining matters under submission, and to take reasonable measures to ensure that court personnel, litigants, and their lawyers cooperate with the judge to that end."*

Any person who feels that a federal judge is engaged in misconduct may file a complaint with the clerk or executive of the corresponding Circuit Court. Information about [how to file a complaint](#), along with [the Judiciary's process for handling complaints](#), is available on the [uscourts.gov](https://uscourts.gov) website.

Regarding your second question, Judge Sippel is still the Chair of the Committee on the Judicial Branch.

Regards,

Peter