Judicial Ethics and Discipline: A Legal Research Guide

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- Provides a comprehensive bibliography of judicial ethics and discipline
- Highlights federal and state resources available to researchers
- Presents detailed coverage of the major primary and secondary sources in judicial ethics and discipline
- Perfect for students, lawyers, and judges interested in the topic of legal ethics

About This Title

Legal ethics is usually seen as ethics dealing with attorney practice, but there has been a significant increase in the consideration of judicial conduct throughout the country. The American Bar Association has created a Model Code of Judicial Conduct (1990, 2007) that has been adopted by all fifty states and been a significant contribution to how judges approach their positions. Over the past three decades, state judicial commissions/committees have reviewed thousands of cases dealing with judicial misconduct and discipline of judges.

This comprehensive bibliography of judicial ethics and discipline covers federal and state topics. It brings together (1) basic primary sources (constitutions, statutes, regulations, and cases); (2) links to federal and state courts, commissions, and committees dealing with judicial conduct; and (3) major secondary sources like encyclopedias, periodicals, American Law Reports, practice books, treatises, and Internet resources such as websites and blogs.

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