

1 **RULE 2.2**

2 *Impartiality* and Fairness*

3 **A judge shall uphold and apply the law,* and shall perform all duties of judicial office**
4 **fairly and impartially.**

5 **COMMENT**

6 [1] Although each judge comes to the bench with a unique background and personal
7 philosophy, a judge must interpret and apply the law without regard to whether the judge
8 approves or disapproves of the law in question.

9 [2] When applying and interpreting the law, a judge may make good-faith errors of fact or
10 law. Errors of this kind do not violate this Rule. A judge can be disciplined for legal error
11 only if a ruling was made contrary to clear and established law about which there is no
12 confusion or reasonable question as to its interpretation, and the judge intentionally
13 disregarded the law or the judge's ruling resulted from animus toward a party or counsel.

14 [3] It is not a violation of this Rule for a judge to make reasonable accommodations to ensure
15 pro se litigants the opportunity to have their matters fairly heard.

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