

## **NEW EMPLOYEES**

### **PROHIBITION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES**

**On June 29, 1987, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania reaffirmed, through an Administrative Order, prohibition against political activity by court-appointed employees. The following guidelines are approved by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.**

#### **1. Definitions**

**A. The term "partisan political activity" shall include, but is not limited to, running for public office, serving as a party committee-person, working at a polling place on Election Day, performing volunteer work in a political campaign, soliciting contributions for political campaigns, and soliciting contributions for a political action committee or organization, but shall not include involvement in non-partisan or public community organizations or professional groups.**

**B. The term "court-appointed employee" shall include, but is not limited to, all employees appointed to and who are employed in the court system, statewide or at the county level, employees of the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, Court Administrators and their employees and assistants, court clerks, secretaries, data processors, probation officers, and such other persons serving the judiciary.**

#### **2. Prohibition on Partisan Political Activity**

**Court-appointed employees shall not be involved in any form of partisan political activity, including the signing of candidate's petitions for elected office.**

#### **3. Termination of Employment**

**Henceforth, a court-appointed employee engaging in partisan political activity shall cease such partisan activity at once or shall be terminated from his or her position. In the event an employee chooses to become a candidate for any office, such employee shall resign or be involuntarily terminated, effective the close of business on the first day of circulating petitions for said office.**