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The Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee provides opinions on ethical issues for judges and court employees. Over the past decade, the committee has issued a number of opinions relating to court employees based on interpretations of the Code of Judicial Conduct. In 1997, the Arizona Supreme Court adopted a Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees and assigned the committee the responsibility for interpreting that code as well.

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\*On May 27, 1994, the Supreme Court stayed Opinions 91-13 and 94-01 in Administrative Order 94-34, pending consideration and adoption of a code of conduct for court employees. The court subsequently adopted a *Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees* on July 22, 1996, in Administrative Order 96-33.