



Memorandum

Date: June 2012

To: All Candidates and Prospective Candidates for Judicial Office in Minnesota

From: Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards, Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, Supreme Court Office of Continuing Education and Office of Secretary of State

Re: **Judicial Campaign Law & Ethics**
August 10, 2012
Minnesota CLE Conference Center
7th St. and Nicollet Mall, City Center Suite 370
Minneapolis

The Supreme Court Office of Continuing Education, the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, the Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards, the Minnesota Office of Secretary of State and Minnesota Continuing Legal Education have once again assembled a distinguished and professional faculty to present the issues, problems, and solutions associated with “Judicial Campaign Law & Ethics.”

Topics include:

- Judicial Ethics & Judicial Campaigns
- Administrative & Criminal Penalties in the Conduct of a Campaign
- Election Day & Post-Election
- Campaign Organization
- Nomination
- Campaign Finance Requirements for Judicial Candidates

Please look at the enclosed agenda. This course provides a thorough treatment of common and potential issues and problems encountered in judicial elections in Minnesota.

Please note that the seminar will be held at the Minnesota Continuing Legal Education Conference Center, 7th St. and Nicollet Mall, City Center, Ste 370 in downtown Minneapolis. Please register in advance. All registrants will receive materials at the seminar.

Agenda

8:55 – 9:00 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

– David S. Paull

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

JUDICIAL ETHICS & JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS

Review current status of constitutional challenges to restrictions on judges' and judicial candidates' political and campaign conduct; and how to run a campaign that comports with the high ethical standards voters expect of judges and consistent with principles of judicial integrity, independence, and impartiality.

– Cynthia Gray

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

BREAK

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE & CRIMINAL PENALTIES IN THE CONDUCT OF A CAMPAIGN

What conduct is statutorily prohibited in a campaign and what conduct is statutorily allowed in a campaign; includes analysis of "Citizens United" case.

– Robert M.A. Johnson

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

LUNCH (provide by Minnesota CLE)

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

FROM FILINGS TO CONTESTS – THE ELECTION PROCESS FROM BEGINNING TO END

Technical aspects and "mechanical" processes in the election cycle; how we vote in Minnesota; what recourse is available in Minnesota if a violation occurs; and what candidates do after a close race.

– Bert Black

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION

Part A – Nomination Process

– Sr. Judge Bruce D. Willis

Part B – Campaign Finance Requirements for Judicial Candidates

What the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board is and how it operates; registration and reporting requirements that will apply to them if they raise or spend money on their elections campaign; and new contribution limits that are in statute in addition to limits that are in the Judicial code of conduct.

– Gary Goldsmith

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

CREDITS

Minnesota CLE has applied to the Minnesota State Board of CLE for **5.0 ethics credits**.

ACCOMMODATION

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QUESTIONS?

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