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Special Committee on Judicial Election Campaign Intervention

2020 Judicial Elections

Public Statement

Pursuant to Canon 5F(6)(b) of the Mississippi Code of Judicial Conduct, the Special Committee on Judicial Election Campaign Intervention releases this public statement.

Canon 5C(4) requires candidates and candidates' committees to timely comply with all provisions of law requiring the disclosure and reporting of contributions, loans and extensions of credit.

The Committee to Elect Latrice Westbrooks to Supreme Court Justice (hereinafter referred to as the Campaign Committee) failed to timely file its periodic campaign finance report that was due on October 9, 2020, in violation of Canon 5C(4) and Mississippi Code Annotated sections 23-15-805 and 23-15-807. *See also* Opinion of the Mississippi Attorney General, No. 2010-0035, *Hillman*, 2010 WL 2795651 (Miss. A.G. June 17, 2010). The periodic report due on October 9, 2020, was filed late on October 13, 2020.

Additionally, the Campaign Committee's periodic campaign finance report that was due on June 10, 2020, was filed late on June 18, 2020. The Campaign Committee's report that was due on July 10, 2020, was also filed late on July 14, 2020. As stated, the Mississippi Code of Judicial Conduct requires that candidates and their campaign committees timely comply with all provisions of the law that require the disclosure and reporting of contributions, loans and extensions of credit. *See* Mississippi Code Annotated section 23-15-801 et seq; *see also* *Mississippi Secretary of State 2020 Campaign Finance Guide* at 7, 10-11 and *Campaign Finance Schedule* (2020 Judicial reporting schedule) (links to pdf documents available at sos.ms.gov under the Elections & Voting/Campaign Finance and Lobbying tab).

This Public Statement will be immediately released to Mississippi media outlets.

Any questions should be in writing and directed to the following:

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