

**FINAL REPORT OF THE 2004 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON  
JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN INTERVENTION**

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Pursuant to Canon 5F of the Code of Judicial Conduct of Mississippi Judges, as adopted by the Mississippi Supreme Court on April 4, 2002, a Special Committee on Judicial Campaign Intervention was established and appointed to serve during the 2004 judicial elections. The Special Committee was comprised of Fred L. Banks, Jr., Esquire of Jackson, Chairman (appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court); Michael Wallace, Jr., Esquire of Jackson (appointed by the Governor); Ms. Rebecca Baum of Byram, (appointed by the Lt. Governor); Joseph McCoy, Esquire of Ridgeland, (appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives) and Sherri M. Flowers, Esquire of Jackson (appointed by the Chairman of the Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance).

The Special Committee received one (1) formal request for an advisory opinion. A copy of the opinion issued is attached hereto as Appendix I. The Special Committee also received two (2) informal inquires. The Committee responded to one (1) informally and directed the other to the Advisory Opinion issued by the 2002 Special Committee

The Special Committee received one (1) complaint alleging unethical conduct. The Special Committee found no ethical violations and took no action.

The Formal Advisory Opinion is herein forwarded to the Mississippi Supreme Court in accordance with Canon 5F(2). The Special Committee has also distributed copies of all information and all proceedings relating thereto to the Commission on Judicial Performance as set forth in Canon 5F(6).

The Special Committee would also recommend to the Mississippi Supreme Court that the language of Canon 5F(7) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, which provides for a 2-hour course on campaign practices, finance and ethics sponsored and approved by the Committee to be held no later than twenty (20) days after the qualifying deadline be amended and the time increased. The Committee suggests thirty (30) days for the initial course, with a provision for a makeup course within forty-five (45) to sixty (60) days.

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Re: Randolph Campaign Inquiry

Dear Mr. Dickerson & Mr. Gregory

The Special Committee on Judicial Election Campaign Intervention ("Special Committee") has been asked to advise whether soliciting donations on a campaign website are permitted where the solicitations are made by the campaign committee chair(s).

The Special Committee concluded that website solicitation in the name of the campaign committee chair(s) does not violate the prohibitions against personal solicitation of contributions by the candidate.

If you have any questions please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Special Committee on Judicial Election Campaign Intervention

  
By: Luther T. Brantley, III