

Minnesota Judicial Campaign Law and Ethics

June 12, 2024

Ramsey County Library--Roseville
2180 North Hamline Ave., Roseville, MN 55113

Date: May 31, 2024

To: Candidates for Judicial Election in 2024

From: Minnesota Board on Judicial Standards,

Re: **“Judicial Campaign Law” Seminar**
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
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Roseville, MN 55113

The Board on Judicial Standards has assembled a distinguished and professional faculty to present the issues, problems, and solutions associated with judicial campaign law.

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

Please register in advance. All registrants will receive materials at the seminar.

The Board will apply for 4.0 CJE credits and 4.0 CLE credits.

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Agenda

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.
Registration & Check-In

Introduction

– *Sara P. Boeshans and Amy Ihlan*

11:45-12:35 (50 minutes)

From Filings to Contests – The Election Process from Beginning to End

How we vote in Minnesota; the election “life-cycle,” including filing and appearance on the ballot, voter registration; voting; errors and omissions lawsuits; canvassing boards, recounts and contests.

– *Bibi Black and Justin Erickson*

12:35-1:45 (70 minutes)

Judicial Campaign Conduct and Activities (Ethics Credit)

An overview of judicial campaigns and the rules under which they operate; what campaign conduct is allowed or prohibited by statute or rule; how to organize and run a judicial campaign that comports with the high ethical standards voters expect of judges and lawyers running for judgeships.

– *George W. Soule*

1:45-2:00 (15 minutes)

Break

2:00-3:00 (60 minutes)

Campaign Finance Requirements for Judicial Candidates and the Role of the Treasurer

What the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board is and how it operates; registration and reporting requirements that will apply to candidates if they raise or spend money on their elections campaign; and contribution limits in statute.

– *Martin A. Costello*

3:00-3:15 (15 minutes)

Break

3:15-3:45 (30 minutes)

The Board on Judicial Standards; Judicial Campaigns and the First Amendment (Ethics Credit)

The role of the Board on Judicial Standards in judicial campaigns; First Amendment challenges to Judicial Code rules on judicial campaigns and the current state of the law.

– *Tom Vasaly*

3:45-4:15 (30 minutes)

Judicial Campaigns – One Candidate’s Experience

Pointers from a judge who retained office in a contested election.

– *Judge Patrick Diamond*

4:15 p.m.

Adjourn

Faculty

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Logistics

Location

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Credits

This program has been approved / been applied for continuing education credits as follows:

CJE: 4 credits (Applied)

CLE: 2.5 standard credits and 1.5 ethics credits (Applied)

Event Code: TBD

* There is free parking immediately outside the building.

* You may bring a cold lunch. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

**Judicial Campaign Law and Ethics
Registration Form**

Please register no later than June 7, 2024

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Attorney License No. (if applicable) _____

Profession (if non-attorney) _____

Please email completed registration forms to judicial.standards@state.mn.us