

Minnesota Judicial Campaign Law and Ethics

June 14, 2016

Agenda

12:40 – 1:00 p.m.
Registration & Check-In

1:00 – 1:20 p.m.

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.

– *Bert Black*

1:20 – 2:30 p.m.

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.

– *George W. Soule and Susan M. Holden*

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 – 3:55

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.

– *Gary Goldsmith and Martin A. Costello*

3:55 – 4:10 p.m.

Break

4:10 – 4:40 p.m.

Judicial Campaigns – One Candidate’s Experience

Pointers from a judge who attained and retained office in contested elections.

– *Judge Susan R. Miles*

4:40 – 5:00 p.m.

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*

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Faculty

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Logistics

Location

Cemstone Building*
2025 Centre Pointe Blvd.
2nd Floor Training Room
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Credits

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

CJE: 3.5 credits

CLE: 2.5 standard credits and 1.0 ethics credits.

* The seminar will be held on the second floor of the Cemstone Building. The Board office is located on the first floor of the building in Suite 180. The building is easily accessible by car. The building is located west of the intersection of I-35E and Highway 110 in Mendota Heights. There is free parking immediately outside the building. Park on the south side of the building. If you need directions, call (651) 296-3999 or e-mail us at judicial.standards@state.mn.us.

Accommodation

If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to attend or participate, please contact us as soon as possible and at least two weeks in advance of the program at Board on Judicial Standards, 2025 Centre Pointe Blvd., Suite 180, Mendota Heights, MN 55120, telephone (651) 296-3999, TTY 1-800-627-3529 (toll-free state relay service), fax (651) 688-1865, or e-mail us at judicial.standards@state.mn.us.

Information about the Board on Judicial Standards

Information about the Board is available at the Board's website, www.bjs.state.mn.us.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office by telephone (651) 296-3999 or e-mail us at judicial.standards@state.mn.us.

Please register no later than June 7, 2016

Registration Form

Judicial Campaign Law and Ethics

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Tuesday, June 14, 2016

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Tuition

\$20

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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Attorney License No. (if applicable) _____

Profession (if non-attorney) _____

Mail completed registration form and check for \$20 payable to Board on Judicial Standards (nonrefundable) to:

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