

**CANDIDATE'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
REGARDING JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN CONDUCT 2012**

<p>STANDARD I. <i>Maryland's Rules</i>. A candidate for judicial office shall be familiar with, and subscribe to, the Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct (in particular Rules 2.3 and 4.4) and the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct (in particular Rule 8.2).</p> <p>STANDARD II. <i>Campaign Communications - Impartiality</i>. A candidate for judicial office shall not make any statement concerning his or her views that might reasonably be understood to compromise his or her impartiality and objectivity with respect to a case that may come before the court.</p> <p>STANDARD III. <i>Campaign Communications – Truthfulness and Dignity</i>. A candidate for judicial office shall not knowingly make a false or misleading representation about his or her own qualifications, record or experience, or those of any other judicial candidate. A candidate shall communicate in a dignified manner and shall refrain from making inflammatory, sensational or abusive statements. A candidate shall not authorize or encourage such communication by others and shall promptly and publicly disavow such communication should it be made by individuals or organizations that act in cooperation or coordination with the candidate's campaign.</p>	<p>STANDARD IV. <i>Campaign Communications - Misrepresentation of Title</i>. A candidate for judicial office shall not use the title of an office not currently held by the candidate in a manner that implies that the candidate currently holds the office.</p> <p>STANDARD V. <i>Campaign Communications - Appeals to Bias and Prejudice</i>. Campaign communications shall not suggest that an opponent is not qualified or competent to serve as a judge because of the opponent's race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status, nor shall campaign communications invoke invidious stereotypes to suggest that age or disability, in and of themselves, constitutes a lack of competence or qualification.</p> <p>STANDARD V. I <i>Campaign Communications –Visual Materials</i>. A candidate must take particular care to insure that visual campaign materials conform to the foregoing Standards and comport with the dignity and integrity of judicial office.</p> <p>STANDARD VI. <i>Financial Contributions</i>. A judicial candidate must not only abide by Maryland's election laws governing campaign fundraising but must take all reasonable steps to ensure that campaign fundraising does not undercut the dignity or impartiality of judicial office.</p>
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I acknowledge that I have read the Standards for the Conduct of Contested Judicial Elections, including the accompanying Commentary to each Standard, as set forth in the *MDJCCC Standards and Commentaries for 2012 Judicial Elections*.

I agree to conduct my campaign for judicial office in accordance with these Standards and the accompanying Commentary.

I have also requested that my campaign staff familiarize themselves with this Acknowledgement and assist with its implementation.

Signature of Candidate for Judicial Office	Date
Please type or print name	Judicial Office for which you are a candidate
Campaign Office Address:	Business Address:
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**Please return signed acknowledgement to:
Maryland Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee P.O. Box 10427 Baltimore MD 21209**