

**TENNESSEE FAIR  
JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN**

# **Code of Conduct**

**Because I believe** in the importance of public faith in the integrity of the justice system in Tennessee;

**And because** campaign tactics have the potential to harm the public faith, not just in a particular jurist, but in the justice system itself;

**And because** I recognize that I must not take any action during a campaign which will give the appearance that I, as a candidate for judge, am predisposed to rule on any matter coming before me, but instead will administer justice fairly to all;

**I agree** that, as a candidate for the position of Judge of the \_\_\_\_\_, I will:

- I.** Abide by the Canons and Rules adopted by the Supreme Court of Tennessee, including but not limited to Canon 5, and the Commentary of Canon 5;
- II.** Conduct myself in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity, fairness, competence, independence, and impartiality of the judiciary;
- III.** Participate in thoughtful discourse in judicial forums and with the media, but I will not announce positions on matters that might come before the court on which I sit or for which I am seeking election or lead voters to believe that I will decide any issues or cases in a predetermined manner;
- IV.** Not make false or misleading statements. In particular, I acknowledge that in some circumstances the omission of relevant information could make an otherwise truthful statement either misleading or unfair;
- V.** Form a campaign committee, if applicable, to secure and manage the expenditure of funds for my campaign;
- VI.** Not allow my campaign committee or any person speaking on my behalf to announce positions on issues that might come before the court on which I sit or the court for which I am seeking election or make false or misleading statements;
- VII.** Based upon my personal examination of campaign statements, material and advertisements in my race, publicly disavow campaign statements, material or advertisements that undermine the integrity of the judicial system or erode public trust and confidence in the independence of the judiciary;
- VIII.** Submit copies of this fully executed agreement to my campaign committee and key supporters.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Candidate Signature

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Print Name