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To: All Attorneys Involved in Judicial Campaigns
and All Judicial Candidates

From: The Judicial Campaign Ethics Center

Subject: **2015 Judicial Campaign Ethics Training and Guidance**

Mandatory Training*

Individuals who are seeking state-paid elective judicial office must complete our judicial campaign ethics training program. 22 NYCRR 100.5(A)(4)(f); 100.6(A); NY Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 8.2(b). Only candidates for town or village justice are exempt.

As in prior years, the training program for 2015 will be available for viewing on-line.

- ▶ Deadline: 30 days after the date of nomination.
 - ▶ Running in a primary? The deadline to complete the training is 30 days after filing a designating petition with the Board of Elections.
- ▶ The training **may** be completed before the date of nomination.
- ▶ Training taken in one election cycle **does not** “carry over” into subsequent years.

Please contact the Judicial Campaign Ethics Center at 1-888-600-5232 to register for the training.

Advisory Opinions

Candidates may direct inquiries about their own prospective campaign conduct to the Judicial Campaign Ethics Center. It may be helpful to call first before sending in a written inquiry.

Phone: 888-600-5232 Call for informal guidance during regular court hours.

E-mail: jcec@nycourts.gov Write in for expedited formal written advice.

Fax: 212-401-9029

Additional Resources

For a copy of the latest edition of the Judicial Campaign Ethics Handbook, and more information about court rules applicable to judicial candidates, as well as links to the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions site, please visit our website at www.nycourts.gov/ip/jcec

- ▶ Please consult “FAQs on Financial Disclosures” on our website for guidance on whether you must file a financial disclosure statement under Rule 100.5(A)(4)(g).

* Candidates for town or village justice are invited, but not required, to watch the training video.