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April 4, 2016

Candidates for Judicial Office:

Upon submitting papers declaring your candidacy for election or re-election to judicial office, you were provided notice of judicial campaign conduct forums scheduled Thursday, May 12th, or Friday, May 13th, at 1:00. All judicial candidates facing opposition in this year's primary or general elections will be expected to participate personally in one of these forums. If you have not already made plans to attend, you should do so now.

The forums are jointly sponsored by the Florida Supreme Court and The Florida Bar Board of Governors in concert with the state's trial court chief judges and the Court's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. Presenters will discuss Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct and Bar rules governing judicial candidates. The Code, as well as *An Aid to Understanding Canon 7*, and other materials are available online at http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub_info/documents.shtml#Judicial. All candidates should read and become thoroughly familiar with these materials. As handouts will not be distributed at the forums, candidates may wish to bring copies of *An Aid to Understanding Canon 7* and other materials for reference.

CJE and CLE credit for forum participation will be available upon application in accordance with instructions posted online.

Failure to comply with the Code is a serious matter which may result in an elected candidate's reprimand or removal from office, or in lawyer discipline, including disbarment. Given the potential impact of campaign misconduct on public trust and confidence in the judicial branch, I strongly encourage you to participate personally in one of the forums appearing on the enclosed schedule.

Looking ahead to this year's elections, I ask you to conduct your campaigns in a manner justifying continued public trust and confidence in our judicial system.

Sincerely,

Jorge Labarga

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Enclosure

JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN CONDUCT FORUMS
Thursday, May 12, and Friday, May 13, 2016
(*Tentative – Subject to Revision after Close of Qualifying*)

LOCATION	THURSDAY, May 12, at 1:00 P.M.	
Pensacola	M.C. Blanchard Judicial Building 190 Governmental Center **Courtroom 101**	
Jacksonville	Duval County Courthouse 501 W. Adams Street **Chief Judge's Chambers, Room 7139**	
Miami	Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center 175 NW First Avenue **Eleventh Floor Conference room**	
Tampa	George Edgecomb County Courthouse 800 East Twiggs Street **Sixth Floor Judicial Conference Room**	
West Palm Beach	Palm Beach County Courthouse 205 North Dixie Highway **First Floor Judicial Conference Room**	
LOCATION	**FRIDAY, May 13, at 1:00 P.M.**	
Tallahassee		Leon County Courthouse 301 South Monroe Street **Courtroom 3G**
Gainesville		Alachua County Criminal Justice Center 220 South Main Street **Jury Assembly Room**
Orlando		Orange County Courthouse 425 North Orange Avenue **23rd Floor Judicial Conference Room**
Key West		Freeman Justice Center 302 Fleming Street **Courtroom A**
Ft. Lauderdale		Broward County Judicial Complex 201 SE Sixth Street **Courtroom 510**
Ft. Myers		Lee County Justice Center South Entrance 2075 Martin Luther King Blvd **Courtroom 4-A**