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Candidates for Judicial Office:

Congratulations on your decision to seek election or re-election to judicial office. The courts stand at the heart of the democratic process and, in endeavoring to preserve and strengthen our system of government, the judicial branch relies upon many dedicated individuals willing to serve the public good. Looking ahead to the 2022 elections, I ask you to conduct your campaigns in a manner not only exemplifying this commitment to service but also further justifying continued public trust and confidence in our judicial system.

Toward this end, the Supreme Court of Florida and The Florida Bar Board of Governors, in concert with the state's trial court chief judges and the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, will present campaign conduct forums the week following the close of qualifying. All judicial candidates drawing opposition will be expected to participate personally in one of several forums beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, May 5, or Friday, May 6. The enclosed preliminary schedule lists planned locations.

Candidates, committee chairs, campaign managers, and staff will be provided critical information regarding requirements under Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Given the potential for reprimand, removal from office, or lawyer discipline, failure to

comply with the Code should be a matter of no small concern. Presenters will also more broadly emphasize the seriousness with which the Court views any abuse of the elections process and the consequent impact of campaign misconduct on public trust and confidence in the judicial branch.

The Code of Judicial Conduct as well as other resources, including the Judicial Ethic Advisory Committee's handbook on judicial elections, *An Aid to Understanding Canon 7*, may be accessed online at <https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/Opinions/Judicial-Ethics-Advisory-Committee>. All candidates are strongly encouraged to read and become thoroughly familiar with these materials.

Given the importance of the service to which you aspire, please mark your calendars and plan now to participate personally in one of the forums. A roster of those attending will be made available, upon request, to the Judicial Qualifications Commission and The Florida Bar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Char. T. Canady".

Charles T. Canady

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JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN CONDUCT FORUMS
Thursday, May 5, and Friday, May 6, 2022

LOCATION	THURSDAY, May 5, at 1:00 P.M. ET	
Jacksonville	Duval County Courthouse 501 W. Adams Street Jacksonville, FL 32202	
Miami	Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse Center 175 NW 1 Avenue 11th Floor Conference Room Miami, FL 33128	
Tallahassee	Leon County Courthouse 301 South Monroe Street Courtroom 3G Tallahassee, FL 32301	
West Palm Beach	Palm Beach County Courthouse Judicial Dining Room 205 North Dixie Highway West Palm Beach, FL 33401	
LOCATION	FRIDAY, May 6, at 1:00 P.M. ET	
Tampa		George Edgecomb County Courthouse Judicial Conference Room – Sixth Floor 800 East Twiggs Street Tampa, FL 33602
Orlando		Orange County Courthouse 425 North Orange Avenue Suite 2310 (Gene Medina Conference Room) Orlando, FL 32801
Ft. Lauderdale		Broward County Judicial Complex 201 SE Sixth Street Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
Zoom		Statewide Webinar Registration - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gJtj1lhRRt-llsOflxTcOg