Dear 

The Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics has carefully considered your request for an advisory opinion on the following issues:

1) Is it ethically permissible for a candidate for judge to use the word "Judge" in his campaign advertising when that candidate served as an elected judge for one term and was previously defeated in a reelection campaign?

2) If yes, is it ethically permissible for that candidate to use the term "Reelect Judge"?

A majority of the Committee responded in the negative to the above stated issues. Canon 7B(c) specifically states a candidate should not "misrepresent his identity, qualifications, present position or other fact."

Sincerely,

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