



# Louisiana Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee

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## PUBLIC STATEMENT

Every candidate for judicial office in Louisiana must campaign in accordance with the precepts contained in Canon 7 of the Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct. The Louisiana Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee is authorized by the Louisiana Supreme Court to review and investigate complaints which allege violations of certain provisions of Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Although Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee deliberations are confidential, once a public statement has been issued or a complaint has been dismissed, the complaint and response are matters of public record and may be requested through the Court's Community Relations department.

The Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee has received a complaint which alleges that Judge Greg Guidry, a candidate for the First District of the Louisiana Supreme Court, violated Canon 7B(1)(d)(ii) of the Louisiana Code of Judicial Conduct. Canon 7B(1)(d)(ii) provides that judges and judicial candidates shall not "knowingly make, or cause to be made, a false statement concerning the identity, qualifications, present position or other fact concerning the candidate or an opponent." The complaint concerns a mailer that was sent out on behalf of Judge Guidry by his campaign committee. The mailer cites the Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal's decision in State v. Derrick Todd Lee, 2004-KW-0129, 879 So. 2d 173 (La.App. 1 Cir. 04/06/04) and makes at least two statements regarding that decision that the Committee found not to be supported by the facts:

"A judge ruled that taxpayers should pay \$800,000 to defend accused serial killer Derrick Todd Lee. The judge was Jimmy Kuhn."

and

"After spending a fortune to bring serial killer Derrick Todd Lee to justice, a judge ruled taxpayers should pay more to defend the cold-blooded murderer. Judge Jimmy Kuhn agreed to pay for experts."

The Committee believes that these statements from Judge Greg Guidry's campaign mailer are in violation of Canon 7B(1)(d)(ii).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry S. Hardin" followed by a stylized flourish.

Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee  
Harry S. Hardin, III, Chair