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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.

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 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 *Hamilton v. Royal Int'l Petroleum Corp.*, 2003-2660, 906 So. 2d 627 (La. App. 1 Cir. 03/02/05) and makes at least two statements regarding that decision that the Committee found not to be supported by the facts:

"A judge ruled that a 71-year-old man should lose his home over a \$27 tax oversight. The judge was Jimmy Kuhn."

"[Judge Kuhn's] dissent provided the key to another ruling that would lock Michael Hamilton out of his home for good."

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

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