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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 (“the Committee”) is authorized by the Louisiana Supreme Court to review and investigate complaints, which allege violations of certain provisions of Canon 7. Although Committee deliberations are and remain confidential, once a public statement has been issued and/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 division.

The Committee received a complaint against Tiffany Foxworth, a candidate for the 19th Judicial District Court, ES 2, Div. M. The Committee finds that the conduct complained of violates Canon 7A(9), which provides that a judge or judicial candidate 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 campaign material created and distributed by the Committee to Elect Tiffany Foxworth, which includes the slogan “The People’s Judge.” Ms. Foxworth is not a judge. The Committee believes the Foxworth Campaign’s use of the slogan “The People’s
Judge” violates Canon 7A(9) because it misrepresents Ms. Foxworth’s identity, qualifications, and present position to the extent that it implies that Ms. Foxworth is a judge.

Louisiana Judicial Campaign Oversight Committee
Judge Melvin C. Zeno (ret.), Chair