

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

VICTORY, J., dissenting

I respectfully dissent. In my view there is no need for the committee established by the majority because adequate safeguards are already in place through the laws, the court system and the judiciary commission.

Further, I have great concerns over the chilling effect such a committee might have on First Amendment freedoms. I am also concerned that there is no procedure provided by the majority to review decisions of the committee, the committee and other courts may have to make very quick decisions in the many district court elections scheduled this fall without any prior experience and that there is presently pending before the United States Supreme Court a case that may well affect the responsibilities given to the committee.