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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 Jennifer Medley, a candidate for Judge, Orleans Parish Civil District Court, Division F. 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 a campaign video created by the Jennifer Medley Campaign. In the video, a plaintiff who appeared in a case before Judge Christopher Bruno, *Doe v. Lewis*, No. 2014-7067 (Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans) states:

I was raped 7 years ago, and finally after 7 years I got my day in court. Or so I thought. I had the misfortune of appearing before Judge Christopher Bruno and from the start, I could feel his bias against me. He called me a scorned woman and didn't find me credible. Being raped is something no woman should have to endure and Judge Christopher Bruno's treatment of me was just as bad.

Based on the evidence presented, the Committee found no evidence that Judge Bruno was biased towards plaintiff. The Committee also found that Judge Bruno never called the plaintiff a scorned woman. Instead, in the ten (10) pages Reasons for Judgement, after weighing all the evidence provided at trial, Judge Bruno found the plaintiff's testimony not credible and dismissed the plaintiff's lawsuit. The Committee believes the video created by the Medley Campaign contains false and misleading statements regarding Judge Bruno in connection with *Doe v. Lewis*, No. 2014-7067 (Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans), in violation of Canon 7A(9).



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Judge Melvin C. Zeno (ret.), Chair