

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

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**ORDER**  
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Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to the Supreme Court for Revision of the Code of Judicial Conduct,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

**Part I.** Canon 7E of the Code of Judicial Conduct be and is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

**E. Retention of Campaign Contributions.** Not later than one year after the beginning of the term of judicial office following an election in which a judge or judicial candidate participates as a contestant, the judge or judicial candidate shall divest himself or herself of any unused campaign funds, in excess of the amount listed below, by pro rata refund to the campaign contributors or by donation to a charitable organization. The judge or judicial candidate may retain campaign funds in the following amounts proportionate to the classification of the office to which the judge or judicial candidate seeks election:

<u>Class of Judicial Office</u>	<u>Amount of Campaign Funds That May Be Retained</u>
Major Office	\$300,000
District Office	\$200,000
Other Office	\$100,000

“Major Office” means the following offices: justice of the supreme court; court of appeal judge; or any district court, family court, or juvenile court judge in a judicial district comprised of a single parish

with a population in excess of two hundred fifty thousand persons as determined by the most recently published decennial federal census.

“District Office” means the following offices, but shall not include any Major Office:

- (a) The offices of a district, juvenile, or family court judge (except in a judicial district comprised of a single parish with a population in excess of two hundred fifty thousand persons as determined by the most recently published decennial federal census), parish court judge, city court judge, municipal court judge and traffic court judge; or
- (b) A justice of the peace in a judicial district comprised of a single parish with a population in excess of two hundred fifty thousand persons as determined by the most recently published decennial federal census.

“Other Office” shall mean any judicial office that is not a Major Office or a District Office.

**Part II.** The following commentary be and is hereby added following Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct:

**Commentary to Canon 7 (2008)**

A judge or judicial candidate’s campaign committee, but not the judge or judicial candidate, may send thank you notes to the judge or judicial candidate’s campaign contributors.

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These rule changes shall become effective on August 1, 2008, and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through future Orders of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

FOR THE COURT:

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Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice