

Committee on Judicial Ethics  
Teleconference  
Thursday February 5, 2009

Members present via teleconference: Justice Barry R. Schaller, Chair; Judge Linda K. Lager, Vice-Chair, Judge Robert J. Devlin, Jr. and Associate Professor Jeffrey A. Meyer.  
Staff present: Martin R. Libbin, Esq., Secretary.

**MINUTES**

- I. Justice Schaller called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Though publicly noticed, no members of the public attended.
- II. The draft Minutes of the January 30, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.
- III. The Committee considered Judicial Ethics Opinion 2009-07 concerning the propriety of a judicial official attending a political gathering at which a member of the judicial official's family residing in the judicial official's household (as that term is defined in the Code of Judicial Conduct) is to receive an award. The political gathering is a fundraiser for a political party. The judicial official inquired whether, if the political organization permitted, the official could attend the award ceremony and not the balance of the program, thereby avoiding having to contribute to the fundraiser. The Committee unanimously decided that Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits attendance at any portion of the political gathering.
- IV. The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.