

Committee on Judicial Ethics  
Teleconference  
Thursday, May 25, 2010

Members present via teleconference: Justice Barry R. Schaller, Chair, Judge Linda K. Lager, Vice Chair, Judge Robert J. Devlin, Jr., Judge Francis X. Hennessy and Associate Professor Jeffrey A. Meyer. Staff present: Martin R. Libbin, Esq., Secretary, Viviana L. Livesay, Esq., Assistant Secretary (after start of meeting).

**MINUTES**

- I. With all members present, Justice Schaller called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Although publicly noticed, no members of the public attended.
- II. The Committee unanimously approved the draft Minutes of the May 6, 2010 meeting.
- III. The Committee considered Judicial Ethics Informal Opinion 2010-13 concerning whether a Judicial Official may receive an award from a public agency that represents the interests of a distinct segment of the criminal justice field for services that the Judicial Official provided prior to his or her appointment as a Judicial Official. Based upon the information provided, the Committee unanimously determined that the Judicial Official may receive the award provided that (1) it is made clear at the ceremony and in any promotional materials that the award is strictly for the Judicial Official's exemplary service prior to becoming a Judicial Official and (2) the Judicial Official takes care to avoid any possible appearance of ongoing affiliation with or partiality toward his/her former place of employment within the criminal justice field or toward the interest represented by the public agency giving the award.
- IV. Justice Schaller informed the Committee members that their proposed change to Section 1 of the "Policy and Rules of the Committee" was approved by the Chief Justice. The website will be updated to reflect the revised policy. The Committee also scheduled its next teleconference meeting for Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.
- V. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.