

Committee on Judicial Ethics  
Teleconference  
Thursday, May 19, 2016

Committee members present via teleconference: Judge Christine E. Keller (Chair), Judge Maureen D. Dennis (Vice Chair), Professor Sarah F. Russell, Judge Angela C. Robinson and Judge Thomas J. Corradino (Alternate). Staff present: Attorney Martin R. Libbin (Secretary) and Attorney Viviana Langou Livesay (Assistant Secretary).

**MINUTES**

- I. Judge Keller called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Although publicly noticed, no members of the public were present.
- II. The Committee approved the minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting.
- III. The Committee ratified **Emergency Staff Opinion JE 2016-07** with one amendment. The Committee added the following condition 4 to the recommendation: "The Judicial Official requests that the party soliciting the affidavit not volunteer that the affiant is a Judicial Official."
- IV. **New Business**  
Attorney Libbin provided the Committee with information regarding Winter v. Wolnitzek (May 12, 2016), a recent opinion issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky wherein the Kentucky Judicial Conduct Commission was permanently enjoined from enforcing provisions in their Code of Judicial Conduct. Attorney Libbin noted that the provisions identified by the court are similar to those contained in Connecticut's Code of Judicial Conduct (i.e., Rule 2.10 (b)). The text of the U.S. District Court decision is available online at: <http://ballot-access.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/ky-jud-decision.pdf>. The opinion will be circulated to the members for further discussion, if warranted, at a future meeting.
- V. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.