

**Judicial Qualifications Commission of Georgia  
News Release for Immediate Publication**

The Georgia Judicial Qualifications Commission has been made aware that recent public statements have been made regarding state-wide judicial candidates implying that a candidate is so affiliated with a particular political party that voters should consider the candidate to be running as a candidate of that party or endorsed by that party. It is the public policy of this State that state-wide judicial races in Georgia are non-partisan. As a candidate is governed by the same canons and rules as a sitting judge, the Commission cautions any judicial candidate against making comments or seeking endorsements which may conflict with the non-partisan duties required of a state-wide judge in the State of Georgia.