



PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE'S PLEDGE

I, _____, am a candidate for the judicial office of
_____.

I agree that an independent and honorable judiciary is indispensable to the administration of justice. I also agree that an election campaign conducted pursuant to standards consistent with the integrity, impartiality, and independence of the judicial office to which I aspire, would further the objective of electing the candidates best qualified to serve in the judiciary of the Commonwealth.

Therefore, I undertake and pledge to conduct my campaign in accordance with the following:

- I. My campaign staff and I will take steps to identify and familiarize ourselves with all applicable laws and regulations regarding my campaign and to conduct ourselves accordingly.
- II. My campaign staff and I have reviewed the Pennsylvania Bar Association Judicial Campaign Advertising Guidelines, and I pledge to conduct myself and my campaign in accordance with and in the spirit of those guidelines and the Canon, Opinion and Rules attached to them.
- III. My campaign staff and I will make every effort to ensure that others acting on our behalf will adhere to the undertakings in this pledge.
- IV. I agree to be personally responsible for the content of all statements and campaign materials relating to my judicial campaign released under the control or direction of me or my campaign staff, including, but not limited to, newspaper, radio or television advertising; internet, social media (such as Facebook, Twitter or YouTube), website or other electronic communications; and press releases, brochures, fliers, sample ballots, yard signs or other materials. I agree to publicly disavow all statements or campaign materials from any source not under my or my campaign staff's direction or control that are in violation of the undertakings in this pledge or the PBA Judicial Campaign Advertising Guidelines, including any that improperly impugn the dignity, integrity or independence of a candidate, or erode public trust and confidence in the dignity, integrity or independence of the judiciary.

Because I agree that the violation of these undertakings by any candidate for judicial office undermines the public's confidence in the ability of the judiciary to administer justice, I have signed and dated this pledge to evidence my agreement to these undertakings. I agree to submit copies of this executed pledge to my state political party representatives and to my campaign staff.

I agree that a scanned copy of my signed Judicial Candidate's Pledge will be posted on the Pennsylvania Bar Association website (www.pabar.org) and/or its voter education website (www.PAVoteSmart.org). I may reference the importance of my signed pledge in my campaign advertising and additional communications. I also understand that I may publicly comment when I believe other candidates have violated their signed pledges and, likewise, other candidates may make public comments about my signed pledge if they believe I have violated my pledge.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____