

Supreme Court of Kentucky

IN RE:
EMERGENCY ORDER AMENDING
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT (SCR)

2015-09

Pursuant to CR 87(2), the Court hereby orders that the following rule amendment to SCR 4.300, Canon 5(B)(2) shall become effective upon entry of this order.

SCR 4.300 Kentucky Code of Judicial Conduct

CANON 5: A judge or judicial candidate shall refrain from inappropriate political activity

B. Campaign Conduct.

(2) A judge or a candidate for judicial office shall not personally solicit campaign funds, but may establish committees of responsible persons to secure and manage the expenditure of funds for the campaign and to obtain public statements of support for the candidacy. A candidate's committees may not solicit funds for the campaign earlier than 180 days before a primary election. A candidate's committees may not solicit funds after a general election. (See KRS 121.150). A candidate shall not use or permit the use of campaign contributions for the private benefit of the candidate or a member of the candidate's family.

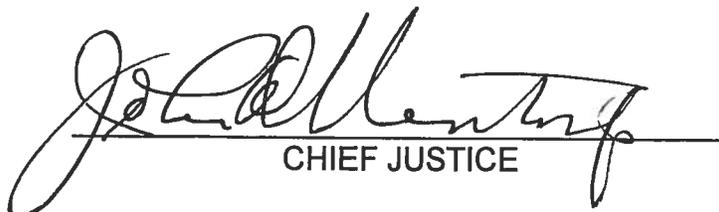
Commentary

This rule has been revised in accordance with *Williams-Yulee v. The Florida Bar*, No. 13-1499, 575 U.S. ____ (2015).

Section 5B(2) permits a candidate to establish campaign committees to solicit and accept political support and reasonable financial contributions. At the start of the campaign, the candidate should instruct his or her campaign committees to solicit or accept only contributions that are reasonable under the circumstances. The candidate should instruct his or her campaign committees as to the requirements of Canon 5 of this Code. The candidate is responsible for the actions of his or her campaign committees.

All sitting. All concur.

ENTERED: May 6, 2015.


CHIEF JUSTICE