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To: Administrative Judges
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Subject: 2020 Judicial Campaign Ethics Training Program

As you are aware, the judicial conduct rules mandate campaign ethics training for all candidates for state-paid elective judicial positions. *See* 22 NYCRR 100.5(A)(4)(f). Only candidates for town and village justice positions are exempt from the training requirement. We ask that you alert judicial candidates in your jurisdiction to this program.

This year, due to COVID-19 concerns, a live campaign ethics training session, usually offered at the Judicial Institute in Westchester, will not be available. Accordingly, the program is being offered in just two alternative formats:

Online Video Program	Most candidates satisfy the training requirement by watching the video online and returning the completed affirmation of compliance.
"Fast-Track" Program	Candidates who completed the full training program in 2019 may take the "fast-track" training course this year. Eligible candidates must review certain newly-issued advisory opinions and pass an ethics quiz.

Candidates should call 1-888-600-5232 for more information and to register for one of the above-listed programs. This training must be completed "no later than 30 days after receiving the nomination for judicial office." For those running in a primary election, the deadline is 30 days after "the date upon which the candidate files a designating petition with the Board of Elections." *See* 22 NYCRR 100.5(A)(4)(f).

Please direct any questions you may have concerning the upcoming Judicial Campaign Ethics Training Program to Rosemary Garland-Scott at (212) 428-2526.

Thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation.

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