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RJC 4.1, RULES OF THE TENNESSEE  
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Dear Mike:

Attached please find an original and six copies of the Response of the Tennessee Bar Association in reference to the above matter.

As always, thank you for your cooperation. I remain,

Very truly yours,

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RESPONSE OF THE TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION

The Tennessee Bar Association (“TBA”), by and through its President, Jacqueline Belle Dixon; Immediate Past President, Danny Van Horn; General Counsel, Paul Ney; Chair, TBA Task Force on Judicial Conduct Rules, Max Bahner; Reporter, TBA Task Force on Judicial Conduct Rules, Sarah Sheppard; and Executive Director, Allan F. Ramsaur, makes the following comment:

The issues raised in the Court's order of May 17 were discussed and analyzed at length as the TBA Task Force drafted the proposed rules of judicial conduct for Tennessee and those rules were reviewed and adopted as recommendations of the Association. After further review, the TBA continues to believe that the proposal submitted on the rule in question is sound and recommends it to the Court. A copy of that part of the proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the individuals and organizations identified in Exhibit "B" by regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid on June 12, 2012.

  
Allan F. Ramsaur

## Exhibit A

### **RULE 4.1 Political and Campaign Activities of Judges and Judicial Candidates in General**

**(A) Except as permitted by law, or by Rules 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4, a judge or a judicial candidate shall not:**

**(4) solicit funds for or pay an assessment to a political organization or candidate for public office;**

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