

Committee on Judicial Ethics
Teleconference
Thursday, October 29, 2009

Members present via teleconference: Justice Barry R. Schaller, Chair, Judge Linda K. Lager, Vice Chair, Judge Robert J. Devlin, Jr., and Associate Professor Jeffrey A. Meyer. Staff present: Viviana L. Livesay, Esq., Assistant Secretary.

MINUTES

- I. With a quorum present, Justice Schaller called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Although publicly noticed, no members of the public attended.
- II. The Committee approved the draft Minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting.
- III. The Committee tabled consideration of Judicial Ethics Informal Opinion 2009-33 until the next meeting.
- IV. The Committee considered Judicial Ethics Informal Opinion 2009-35 concerning whether a Judicial Official may be included on a "Wall on Honor" for distinguished high school alumni at a ceremony sponsored by the Judicial Official's former high school alumni association. Based upon the information provided, the participating members of the Committee unanimously determined that it was ethically permissible for the Judicial Official to attend the induction ceremony and reception because the event is not a fundraising event within the meaning of Canon 5 and will not otherwise compromise the Judicial Official's duty under Canon 2 to promote confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary.
- V. The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.