

Committee on Judicial Ethics
Teleconference
Thursday, November 6, 2008

Members present via teleconference: Justice Barry R. Schaller, Chair; Judge Linda K. Lager, Vice-Chair, Judge Robert J. Devlin, Jr., and Judge Socrates H. Mihalakos. Staff present: Viviana L. Livesay, Esq., Assistant Secretary.

MINUTES

- I. With a quorum present, Justice Schaller called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Though publicly noticed, no members of the public attended.
- II. The Committee unanimously approved the draft Minutes of the October 30, 2008 meeting.
- III. The Committee considered Judicial Ethics Opinion 2008-15. Because the character and fitness proceeding involved in this ethics request is an inquiry into the particular bar candidate's prior cheating on a college exam and, therefore, is adversarial in nature and not the type ordinarily conducted for all bar applicants, the Committee unanimously agreed that the judicial official should not write a reference letter for this bar candidate unless specifically requested by the bar authorities.
- IV. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.