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Dear Candidate Committee:

Committees of Incumbent Justices and Judges can automatically be afforded the Reporting Waiver after an election or appointment as long as the committee's records substantiate that the committee qualifies for the Reporting Waiver. A review of the committee records indicates that the committee is eligible for the Reporting Waiver and our records have been updated to reflect this status.

The Reporting Waiver remains in effect as long as the committee does not spend or receive more than \$1,000.00 for an election. While the Reporting Waiver is in effect, the committee is not required to file detailed campaign statements.

However, the Reporting Waiver is **automatically** lost if the committee exceeds the \$1,000.00 threshold and all required campaign statements must be filed. In determining whether the committee has lost the Reporting Waiver, the committee must consider that funds leftover from one election count toward the "amount received" for the next election.

If the committee of an incumbent Justice or Judge loses the Reporting Waiver, the committee is not automatically afforded the Reporting Waiver unless and until the committee records substantiate that the committee qualifies for the Reporting Waiver. To qualify for the Reporting Waiver, the committee's cash on hand and outstanding debts total must be reported as \$1,000.00 or less.

Please note that Late Contribution Reports are not waived by the Reporting Waiver. In addition, the committee is required to keep complete records of the committee's financial activity regardless of the committee's Reporting Waiver status.

See Appendix C of the Committee Manual for more information on the Reporting Waiver.

If you have any questions, please contact this office.

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