

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

**IN RE: AMENDMENT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 10,
 CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

Filed July 3, 2001

ORDER

Supreme Court Rule 10, Canon 5C(2)(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

(a) A candidate* shall not personally solicit or accept campaign contributions. A candidate may personally solicit publicly stated support and establish committees of responsible persons to conduct campaigns for the candidate through media advertisements, brochures, mailings, candidate forums, and other means not prohibited by law. Such committees may solicit and accept campaign contributions, manage the expenditure of funds for the candidate's campaign, and may also obtain public statements of support for his or her candidacy. Such committees are not prohibited from soliciting and accepting campaign contributions and public support from lawyers. A candidate's committees may solicit and accept contributions for the candidate's campaign no earlier than 180 days before an election (see Commentary below) and no later than 90 days after the last election in which the candidate participates during the election year. A candidate shall not use or permit the use of campaign contributions for the private benefit of the candidate or others.

The Commentary to Supreme Court Rule 10, Canon 5C(2), is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the second paragraph:

Section 5C(2)(a) was amended in 2001 to specify that a campaign committee cannot accept contributions outside the time limits established for solicitation of contributions. This amendment was made for the purpose of clarification in light of Judicial Ethics Committee Opinion # 01-01.

FOR THE COURT:

Riley Anderson, Chief Justice