

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

COLUMBUS

ANNOUNCEMENT

WEDNESDAY  
September 11, 1996

DISCIPLINARY DOCKET

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

IN RE: )

JUDICIAL CAMPAIGN COMPLAINT  
AGAINST JAMES G. KEYS, JR. AND ) Nos. 96-1814  
CHRISTINE TAILER, 96-1815

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION OF JUDGES

PER CURIUM:

This matter came to be reviewed by a Commission of five Judges appointed by the Supreme Court of Ohio pursuant to Rule II, Section 5(E)(1) of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Judiciary of Ohio, and Section 2701.11 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Commission members are as follows: Judges Denise Ann Dartt, Chair; David A. Ellwood, George Gounaris, Cheryl S. Karner and William G. Lauber.

Complaints filed against Respondents Keys and Tailer by Complainant Thomas Robinson with the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio allege that the Respondents violated Canon 7(B)(2)(b) of the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct by having their names placed on an invitation to another candidate's fund raiser, and that such action constituted a public endorsement of a candidate for another public office. Both Respondents are currently candidates for the office of Judge for the Common Pleas Court of Hamilton County.

The complaint was heard by a panel of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline on July 29, 1996 and Findings of Facts/Conclusions of Law and Recommendation of the Panel was filed with the Supreme Court of Ohio on August 2, 1996. The panel, having found that the Respondents violated Canon 7(B)(2)(b) of the Ohio Judicial Code of Conduct recommended that the Respondents cease and desist the conduct and further that no fine or other sanction be imposed.

Respondents and Complainant agreed to submit the record and the report of the panel to this Commission for its consideration without further evidence or argument. The Commission was convened on August 26, 1996 to review the report of the panel and the transcript of the proceedings. Upon review of same, we hereby adopt the recommendation of the hearing panel in all respects. Costs to be assessed to Respondents.

SO ORDERED.