

RE: Advisory Opinion 2006-03
June 12, 2006

The Arkansas Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee issued an advisory opinion to Attorney Ray Spruell, a publically announced candidate for circuit judge in the Second Judicial District of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Attorney Spruell requested an opinion as to whether a judicial candidate who is not an incumbent judge may be pictured in a judge's robe or seated at the judge's bench in campaign materials.

The Committee noted that Canon 5A(3)(d) provides that a candidate for judicial office shall not "knowingly misrepresent the identity, qualifications, present position or other fact concerning the candidate or an opponent."

It is the opinion of the Committee that a judicial candidate who is not an incumbent judge should not be pictured in a judge's robe or seated at a judge's bench in campaign materials. Such material would misrepresent his or her "present position."

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