

## EDITORIAL NOTE

The complaint in this case was filed against a candidate for the office of justice of the peace. Although the Commission on Judicial Conduct does not have jurisdiction over judicial candidates, it can investigate the campaign conduct of a newly elected judge. Accordingly, the candidate was informed that if he continues his conduct and is elected, he may be asked to respond to the complaint.

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This past Tuesday, I was working at \_\_\_\_\_ with my mother \_\_\_\_\_ We were getting signatures for \_\_\_\_\_ Justice of the Peace in the \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct. I was introducing my self to voters and asking for support through signature to get you on the ballot. I talked for a brief moment with \_\_\_\_\_ and then continued ask for signatures and he was doing the same. I notice he had two (2) clip boards with petitions, and heard him asking for signatures not only for himself but also collecting for \_\_\_\_\_ someone who is running for Constable and said they were running together as a team. After getting a signature from a gentleman \_\_\_\_\_ on the way into the polling place to vote, I noticed \_\_\_\_\_ asking \_\_\_\_\_ to sign both his and the Constables petitions. I walked over and explained that a registered \_\_\_\_\_ voter could sign for no more than one (1) candidate running for this particular office and suggested that he scratch his name off of my petition. \_\_\_\_\_ disagreed with me and said that the man could sign for more than one candidate. I pointed out the verbiage on top of his petition and he agreed I was correct so \_\_\_\_\_ drew a line through his name on my petition. I thought you should be aware of all of this going on and asked my mother to also write a letter explaining what she had witnessed.

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I was working at \_\_\_\_\_ with my son \_\_\_\_\_ We were getting signatures for \_\_\_\_\_ for your run for Justice of the Peace in the Precinct. I was introducing my self to voters and asking for support through signature to get you on the ballot, I approached \_\_\_\_\_ for a signature, who at that time informed me that he was \_\_\_\_\_'s opponent". We talked for a brief time and I continued walked on to get signatures and he was doing the same. I notice he had two (2) clip boards with petitions, and I walked over to my son and asked him why he would have two clipboards with different petitions. We walked over towards \_\_\_\_\_ and heard him asking for signatures not only for himself but also collecting for \_\_\_\_\_ something or other who is running for Constable and they were running together as a team. I questioned my son whether this was ethical for a candidate for Judge to be running with a partner, he said we should bring it to your attention and should ask you. I felt that you should be aware of this \_\_\_\_\_ and question the County election board as to if this was appropriate