

FORMAL OPINION NO 2005-36
Lawyer Campaigning for Judicial Office

Facts:

Lawyer proposes to run for judicial office. Lawyer would like to campaign for that office.

Question:

May Lawyer campaign for judicial office?

Conclusion:

Yes, qualified.

Discussion:

Oregon RPC 8.2(b) provides:

A lawyer who is a candidate for judicial office shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Subject to any limitations in the Code of Judicial Conduct, Lawyer may campaign. *Cf. In re Fadeley*, 310 Or 548, 802 P2d 31 (1990).

Approved by Board of Governors, August 2005.

COMMENT: For additional information on this general topic and other related subjects, see *The Ethical Oregon Lawyer* § 15.2-3 (Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct applicable to judges), § 15.3-7 (candidates for judicial office) (OSB Legal Pubs 2015); *Restatement (Third) of the Law Governing Lawyers* § 114 (2000) (supplemented periodically); and ABA Model RPC 8.2(b).

