

Clerk of Supreme Court - Change the Rules on Recusal

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Clerk of Courts,

I concur with the 54 judges who filed a petition with the state Supreme Court on Wednesday requesting that the court rewrite rule about when judges should recuse themselves from cases.

I do not feel that a judge that has received campaign contributions or other assistance from a person or entity could impartially sit on a case involving that contributor. The rules of recusal should be rewritten to require judges to recuse themselves from a case when such a conflict exists.

Even the appearance of a conflict of interest or that justice can be bought is detrimental to the integrity of our court system. This is ever more important as elections are ever more infused with large sums of money from corporate and private donors supporting those they feel reflect their interests.

Public perception of favoritism or that "money talks" is so damaging to the public trust in our justice system. Rewriting the rules of recusal would be a big step to regaining and retaining public trust.

Sincerely,

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