

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

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FORM CFCP COVER SHEET

Pursuant to chapter 258 of the Election Code, every candidate and political committee is encouraged to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Code may be filed with the proper filing authority upon submission of a campaign treasurer appointment form. Candidates or political committees that already have a current campaign treasurer appointment on file as of September 1, 1997, may subscribe to the Code at any time.

Subscription to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices is voluntary.

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3 NAME OF CANDIDATE (Please type or print)	TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.) Judge NICKNAME	FIRST Margaret LAST Cooper	MI A. SUFFIX (Sr., Jr., III, etc.)
4 TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CANDIDATE (Please type or print)	AREA CODE (512)	PHONE NUMBER 473-9380	EXTENSION
5 ADDRESS OF CANDIDATE (Please type or print)	ADDRESS / PO BOX, P. O. Box 1748	APT / SUITE #, 	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Austin TX 78767
6 OFFICE SOUGHT BY CANDIDATE (Please type or print)	Judge, 353rd District Court		
7 NAME OF COMMITTEE (Please type or print)	None		
8 NAME OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER (Please type or print)	TITLE (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.) NICKNAME	FIRST Velva LAST Price	MI L. SUFFIX (Sr., Jr., III, etc.)

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There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

(1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's record and stated positions on issues.

(2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's personal or family life.

(3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.

(4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.

(5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.

(6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.

(7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

January 14, 2000
Date

Margaret A. Cogan
Signature