## STATE OF KANSAS



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Kansas Judicial Center 301 S.W. Tenth Avenue Topeka, KS 66612-1507 Re: Your complaint against District Judge Paul W. Clark

Dear Mr. Newman:

The Commission met April 6, 2007, at which time the above-captioned complaint was considered.

Judge Clark provided a voluntary response to the Commission prior to the meeting in which he stated:

"I did not during December, 2006 nor do I at the present time have knowledge of whether any lawyer and/or private party participating or interested in the case numbered 2006 CR 2961 filed in the Eighteenth Judicial District Court made campaign contributions to any campaign in which I was a candidate. I have never examined the public record of contributors to any campaign in which I was a candidate. The information in such record has never been examined by me or made know[n] to me by any method. I have not examined the attachments that the Complainants' scrivener claims were copied from the public record of contributors to a campaign in which I was a candidate."

Without knowledge of the campaign contributions, Judge Clark had no information to disclose. Your complaint reveals only statutory filing of the required documents by the judge's campaign treasurer, not the judge's knowledge of contributions. It was, therefore, the decision of the Commission that your complaint contained no facts evidencing judicial misconduct as defined in the Code of Judicial Conduct and that your complaint should be dismissed on present showing.

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Thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of the Commission. This matter is now closed.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Anstaett,

Chair

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