



Judicial Qualifications Commission State of Georgia

Atlanta, May 17, 2026 – The Judicial Qualifications Commission of Georgia (“JQC”) is an independent, constitutionally created state commission with the responsibility and authority to investigate and prosecute complaints of misconduct by Georgia judges and judicial candidates. In every year in which a general election is held, the JQC Investigative Panel is required to form a Special Committee on Judicial Election Campaign Intervention (“Special Committee”). The Special Committee expeditiously addresses allegations of ethical misconduct in campaigns for judicial office in order to alleviate unethical campaign practices. In accordance with that objective and JQC Rule 29(B), the Committee releases the following non-confidential public statement:

The Special Committee received and reviewed a complaint against ShaMiracle Rankin, a candidate in a nonpartisan judicial election for a seat on the Supreme Court of Georgia. After careful consideration of the complaint allegations, the Committee reasonably believes Ms. Rankin’s campaign conduct as outlined below violates Georgia’s Code of Judicial Conduct:

- I. **During her campaign for judicial office, one of Ms. Rankin’s campaign commercials, which circulated on television and social media, is a joint campaign advertisement with Jennifer Auer Jordan, also a candidate in a nonpartisan judicial election for a seat on the Supreme Court of Georgia. As the candidates appear together, Ms. Jordan informs viewers, “we’re running for Georgia Supreme Court to fight for what’s fair.” Each candidate makes additional statements using the terms “we’ve” or “we’ll” (“we’ll fight for you”).**

Rule 4.1(A)(2) prohibits judicial candidates from publicly endorsing other candidates for public office.

- II. **During her campaign for judicial office, Ms. Rankin appeared at events related to reproductive freedom conveying she will “RESTORE ABORTION RIGHTS” if elected. Footage and photographs from such events have been shared on social media platforms by Ms. Rankin and those assisting with her campaign.**

Rule 4.2(A)(2) prohibits judicial candidates from making statements or promises that commit candidates with respect to issues likely to come before the court that are inconsistent with the impartial performance of the adjudicative duties of judicial office.

The Special Committee’s findings do not constitute a final determination by the JQC and this complaint, as well as other campaign conduct not addressed by this complaint, may be referred to the full Investigative Panel for other appropriate action according to the JQC’s Rules.