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To: Sonya Lu; City Clerk; CampaignGuidance
Subject: RE: Question on using profession labels

Sonya,

There is no prohibition in the Municipal Code limiting what information candidates can use in their promotional materials or candidate statement. The rules you reference in your question are specific to City employees, not candidates in general. The County Court system may have rules regarding the use of one's title and uniform when serving as a Pro Term Judge. We cannot advise on those rules, if any. You may contact the appropriate organization for further guidance on what is appropriate.

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Hello,

I have a City Council candidate that has served as a "Pro Tem Judge" for the County (pre-COVID).

What are the limitations, if any, for the campaign to use this on her promotional material? Also on the Ballot statement?

As with City personnel (ie - Fire, Police), I know you can not use photos showing the individual in uniform and assume the same applies for a Judge in a robe but can use that label everywhere else it seems.

Just to confirm, can we use "Pro Tem Judge" listed as one of her work experiences? What about talking about that as skills under her belt?

Thank you for helping to clarify.

Sonya Lu

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