



## SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

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Hon. James M. Wexstten  
Circuit Court of Jefferson County  
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Dear Jim:

During its May 2006 term, the court once again took up the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee's request that we amend Supreme Court Rule 64 (Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct) to clarify the role judges are permitted to play with respect to fund-raising events sponsored by law-related organizations. I am pleased to report that the request was approved and that modifications to Rule 64 have now been adopted. A copy of the rule, as modified, is attached.

Please accept my thanks on behalf of the entire Supreme Court for the enormous amount of work you, the Illinois Judges Association, and the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee devoted to this issue. The question of judicial participation in fund-raising events is a complex one, and the input provided by you and Warren Lupel, Chairman of the Judicial Ethics Committee, was invaluable in guiding the court's deliberations. You did an outstanding job, as always.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lloyd A. Karmeier".

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