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**Judicial Candidates
Chapter 105, Florida Statutes**

To: Frankie Godwin, Corresponding Secretary, Seminole County Young Republicans, Route One, Box 191C, Maitland, Florida 32751

Prepared by: Division of Elections

By letter of August 18, 1976 you have asked whether the Seminole County Young Republicans may invite all candidates for Group Three Judicial Office to speak at their next meeting, and whether said candidates may lawfully appear and speak at said meeting.

You have asked whether such appearances are barred by Section 105.071(1), Florida Statutes.

Section 105.07(1), Florida Statutes prohibits candidate for Judicial office from participating in any partisan political party activities. This office construes that subsection to allow the appearance be all candidates for a Judicial office, before audiences interested in hearing from such candidates. The candidates, however, are subject to the several prohibitions recited in and by Section 105.071 during any appearances in such fora.

This opinion does not pass upon nor interpret the canons of Judicial ethics or legal ethics.