

EQUAL JUSTICE

Do you have a chance for a fair trial?

PROBLEM: Judges are supposed to make decisions based on the law, not politics!

Unfortunately judicial races in Minnesota are about to become extremely political. A recent court decision will allow judges to announce their positions on issues and affiliate with political parties. We don't want to become like other states where:

- Judges feel pressure to rule with their political party in order to ensure support for future elections.
- Corporate interests are pouring millions into judicial races. For example:
 - West Virginia:** Massey Coal CEO gave over \$3 million to help his preferred candidate.
 - Illinois:** U.S. Chamber of Commerce spent \$9 million on a negative ad campaign.
- The cost of judicial campaigns is skyrocketing.

In the 2002 Michigan Supreme Court race, two candidates spent a combined total of \$17.9 million. This is astronomical compared to the \$8.6 million spent in the 2002 election for Minnesota's Governor!

SOLUTION: FAIR AND CLEAN ELECTIONS (FACE)

FACE would provide nearly full public funding to judicial candidates who can demonstrate grassroots support. That way there won't be big money donors to influence judges' rulings.

Clean Elections has become a success in North Carolina, where candidates show their worth by the number of supporters, not by the number of zeros in their bank account.



As long as we elect judges, we need to ensure that they can afford to be impartial.

ACTION:

Spread the word. Tell others about the corporate takeover and what can be done to stop it. Call your state representative and senator to tell them that we need FACE for judicial elections.



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