

SUMMARY

Judge Ray McKoski, Circuit Judge, Lake County, Illinois

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Rule 3.01: Misusing the Prestige of Judicial Office

Judge McKoski notes that the use of official stationery in providing recommendations has not been a problem, and so finds that the last two sentences of paragraph [2] of the Comment to Rule 3.01 are unnecessary. As an alternative, he suggests that an example should be included in the Comment to Rule 3.01 or in the Reporter's Notes describing circumstances under which the use of judicial stationery would exert pressure on the recipient of the recommendation.