



THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

**Advisory Opinion: Conducting Campaigning Activities After  
Receiving a Class D Violation**

JUSTICE RICHARD delivers the majority opinion. JUSTICE  
BINDEMAN and JUSTICE BIRENBAUM join in full.  
CHIEF JUSTICE MOORE abstains.

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The Court is issuing an advisory opinion in regard to the rights of candidates to conduct campaigning activities after receiving a Class D violation from the Election Supervisory Board (ESB).

In the opinion of the Court, there are no rules or regulations preventing a student who has received a Class D violation from continuing their campaigning activities while an appeal of said Class D violation is underway. In the event that the Class D violation is upheld, the student is no longer a candidate and therefore the election code holds no jurisdiction over their actions. There are no rules preventing a non-candidate from campaigning for an elected position. In the event that the Class D violation is overturned, then the candidate will be considered to have been a qualified candidate for the duration of the appeals process and will have had the right to campaign during that time.

This opinion will be distributed immediately to the 2018 Election Supervisory Board and the Student Government Agenda listserv.



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The ESB shall distribute this opinion immediately to all persons who filed as a candidate for the 2018 campus-wide election, disqualified or not.

It is so ordered.