

The October 29, 2006, Dispatch editorial, with the headline 'Down and Dirty,' exposes Dispatch hypocrisy. Franklin County residents definitely deserve the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, i.e. straightforward, honest, fair, accurate and truthful information from candidates whose names appear on the November 7, 2006 ballot, not smear campaigns and gutter politics. Furthermore, Dispatch readers deserve no less from the only daily newspaper in Columbus, Ohio.

However, considering the Dispatch's ongoing smear campaign against me, as evidenced by deceptive, misleading, dishonest, unbalanced, inaccurate and unfair Dispatch articles concerning my judicial service, my campaign for re-election as judge and the disciplinary proceedings against me. (which are themselves a sad commentary on the abuses of power of the Supreme Court of Ohio's Office of Disciplinary Counsel), the Dispatch has forfeited the right to preach any sermon on the topic of the gross unfairness of smear campaigns. The Dispatch must lead by example.

The Dispatch frequently editorializes in regard to newspaper's rights to fair and open access to public hearings, ostensibly in order to advance the public's right to know the truth. Yet, Channel 10 has participated in efforts to suppress the truth. Channel 10 TV was granted, by the Supreme Court of Ohio, the exclusive right to videotape the disciplinary hearings in which I was involved. This unconstitutional, exclusive right, for Channel 10 to videotape my disciplinary hearing was an abuse of power by the Ohio Supreme Court. Furthermore, the Supreme Court's denying other news entities access to videotape the disciplinary hearings constitutes a denial of their due process rights. Two males were denied access to videotape and informed that only one camera could be in the hearing room; i.e., Channel 10's camera. These two males were informed there was not room for more than one camera in the hearing room. This was outlandish, untrue. Having several cameras in the back of the hearing room would have in no way interfered with the disciplinary hearings. More than one camera would have allowed the public to have immediate, accurate, fair and balanced access to the testimony of all wit at the disciplinary hearings, rather than the unconscionable and unfair editing by Channel 10.

Representatives from other news entities were informed, by Ohio Supreme Court representatives, that Channel 10 would provide unedited copies of the videotaped hearings to the other news entities who sought permission to videotape the hearing. The Dispatch failed to provide unedited copies as promised and an edited copy provided by Channel 10 was inaudible. The Dispatch print reporters then provided slanted, unfair, biased coverage of what transpired at the Disciplinary hearings. Not a single one of the nearly 25 people, to whom I have spoken, who attended the disciplinary proceedings, believes that either the Dispatch coverage or Channel 10's coverage of the Disciplinary proceedings was fair, accurate or balanced. Furthermore, any fair, unbiased truth seeker who reviews the entire transcript of the disciplinary hearings will conclude that I have not committed a single ethical violation as alleged and those who have advanced the complaint against me have committed multiple ethical violations in the process.

In the 'Down and Dirty' editorial it is written, "Democracy works if candidates are willing and able to challenge opponents' statements, but contenders need not sell their souls to strategists and consultants who push for smear campaigns. My question is, to whom have those involved in this smear campaign sold their souls. If those Channel 10 and Dispatch operatives, involved in news reporting concerning my judicial service and the disciplinary hearings, contemplate as to the above mentioned unfair coverage, consider Proverbs 6:16 as the standard for determining whether or not each or any of you involved has lost his/her soul.

**Despite your efforts to suppress truth, truth will rise and my God will vindicate me.**

**Judge Carole Squire**