

Calling for a Code of Ethics for Justices of the Supreme Court

1 **WHEREAS** some members of the U.S. Supreme Court have resisted the idea that
2 their associations past and present could have any effect on their judicial fairness;
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5 **WHEREAS** said justices have appeared as speakers at events sponsored by
6 extreme partisans and which events appear to have an overt political purpose;
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9 **WHEREAS** justices of the Supreme Court often hold investments in corporations
10 that may come before the Court; and

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12 **WHEREAS** any appearance of bias as well as actual bias has a corrosive effect on
13 public perception of the character of the Court; and

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15 **WHEREAS** the Code of Conduct for United States Judges applies to all other
16 federal judges and the justices of the Supreme Court are not formally bound by
17 any code of conduct; and

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19 **WHEREAS** Congress has the authority to regulate the administration of the U.S.
20 Supreme Court;

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22 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington State members of the
23 Washington State 24th Legislative District Democratic Central Committee, that
24 Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell are urged to co-sponsor the Supreme
25 Court Ethics Act of 2013 (S. 1424) and that the Washington State Congressional
26 Delegation is urged to co-sponsor the House companion bill (H.R. 2902).

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29 Submitted by the Clallam County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for
30 consideration at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 12/02/2013)

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32 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A
33 PASS" at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver.

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35 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its February 1, 2014 meeting in Vancouver.