

Respondent Name
Brian Wasankari
Complainant Name
Nicholas van Putten
Complaint Description
<p>Nic Van Putten reported via the portal (Fri, 18 Oct 2024 at 2:02 PM)</p> <p>1) Mr. Wasanakari's campaign expenditure of General Election direct mail to voters in Pierce County were timed to arrive the same week as ballots. This mailer likely represents the single largest election communication of his campaign, and yet its details and funding were entirely withheld from the public's view. See 10/14/2024 C4.</p> <p>2) Mr. Wasanakari's use of military uniform without an explanatory caption falsely implies that his candidacy is supported by the US Armed Forces.</p> <p>3) Similarly, his prominent use of an image taken from inside a county courtroom uses public resources to advance his candidacy, See enclosed screenshot of the "About Me" page on Mr. Wasankari's campaign website, www.brian4judge.com, as taken 10/17/2024.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>1) The public has a compelling interest in knowing how campaign advertising is being funded.</p> <p>2) His use of military uniform and of an image taken inside the county courthouse both use public resources and falsely imply official government support of his campaign from the County Prosecuting Attorneys Office / US Armed Services.</p> <p>3) These further create an uneven playing field in the campaign.</p> <p>Lastly, as a candidate for Judge, Mr. Wasanakari should be expected to uphold the law, and yet his campaign has repeatedly demonstrated contempt for or ignorance of the law. Given the potentially significant amount of money involved and the proximity to the General Election, the public has an interest in knowing if Mr. Wasanakari broke campaign finance law.</p>
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
Attached 21-Day C4 Report, photo of mailer, and screen shots from his website.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them
<p>Nicholas van Putten (see above)</p> <p>John Daun (Received a General Election mailer on October 16, 2024): (253) 312-7453 or jsdaun@comcast.net</p> <p>Lisa Kremer (Received a General Election mailer on October 17, 2024): (253)241-0613 or kremer.lisa@gmail.com</p>
Certification (Complainant)
I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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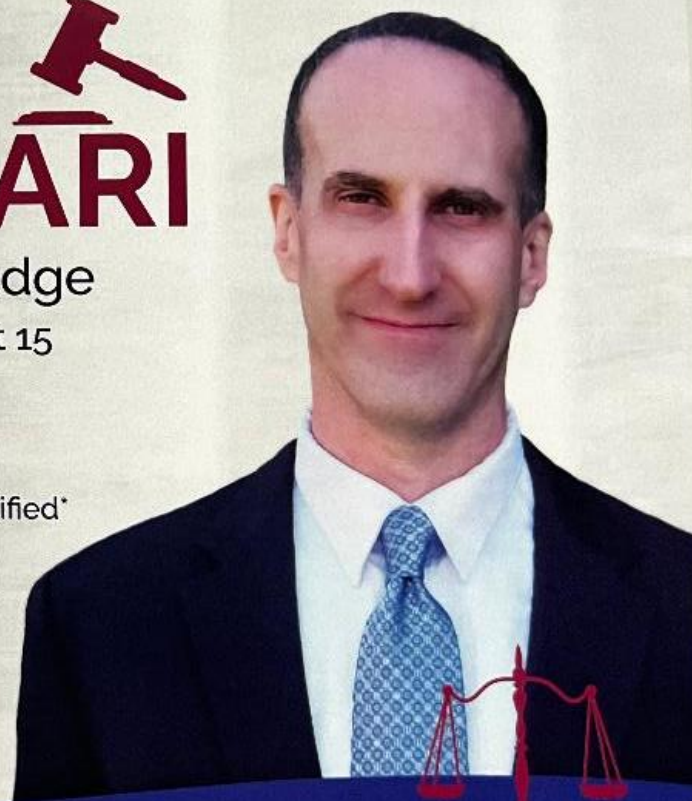
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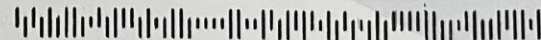


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