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JUSTICE NAHMIAS
for **SUPREME COURT**

**JUSTICE DAVID NAHMIAS OFFICIALLY QUALIFIES
FOR ELECTION TO THE SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA**

Committee Announces \$67,883 on Hand to Begin Fall Campaign

ATLANTA, GA, June 28, 2010: Justice David E. Nahmias officially qualified for election to the Supreme Court of Georgia on Monday morning, the first day of nonpartisan judicial candidate filing for the Nov. 2 General Election.

“Today is a milestone for my candidacy for election to the Supreme Court,” Justice Nahmias said. “After traveling around the state, meeting so many people and receiving so much support over the past eight months, the 2010 judicial election process is now officially under way. I am asking the citizens of Georgia to elect me in November so that I can continue to serve our legal system and our state. I look forward to presenting to the voters a positive campaign that reflects the high ethical standards required of those who are entrusted with judicial positions.”

Justice Nahmias’ campaign committee includes approximately 140 Georgia leaders, representing a diverse array of communities across the state. The committee includes the last two Justices to leave the Supreme Court, Leah Ward Sears and Norman S. Fletcher, numerous former presidents of the State Bar of Georgia, new State Bar Treasurer Charles L. “Buck” Ruffin and other leaders of the legal profession from many practice areas.

Recent additions to the committee include the State Bar President-Elect Kenneth L. Shigley and Secretary Robin Frazer Clark, State Bar Young Lawyers Division (YLD) President-Elect Stephanie J. Kirijan, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association (GTLA) President Michael J. Warshauer and President-Elect Geoffrey E. Pope and the immediate Past Presidents of the State Bar, Bryan M. Cavan; the YLD, Amy V. Howell; and GTLA, John Christopher Clark.

“I’m happy to be supporting Justice Nahmias because, although we may not always think the same, he has all the important qualities a good judge should have: solid intellect, love for the law, integrity, creativity, curiosity and love of country,” said former Chief Justice Leah Ward Sears.

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“I believe he will contribute much to our state during his tenure on the bench.”

Gerald M. Edenfield of Statesboro, past president of the State Bar of Georgia (2007-08), said, “The citizens of Georgia are very fortunate to have someone with Justice Nahmias’ qualifications serving in our judicial branch. He has the educational background and experience to be a great justice. During his recent visit to Bulloch County, it was obvious to me that he believes passionately in the judicial branch of government and is very understanding and willing to listen to Georgians from all walks of life.”

“I have decided to support the election of Justice Nahmias because I am convinced that he will follow the rule of law whenever it is clear and make decisions fair to all parties when it is not,” said Paul Kilpatrick Jr. of Columbus, past president of the State Bar (1992-93). “His work to date certainly supports that conclusion.”

Patrick T. O’Connor of Savannah, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the State Bar’s Board of Governors, said, “Justice David Nahmias possesses the quality most critical to the success of any judge: an independent and brilliant legal mind. When you add his experience and sense of fairness to the mix, you have a person uniquely qualified to serve on Georgia’s highest court.”

“I observed Justice Nahmias in action during his federal prosecutor days from the perspective of counsel for the defendant,” said Jeffrey O. Bramlett of Atlanta, past president of the State Bar (2008-09). “He is smart and tough, but his decency and respect for the rule of law always shine through. He brings superb intellect and work ethic to the work of the Court and he is off to a fast start in that demanding job.”

Frank C. Jones of Macon, past president of the State Bar (1968-69) said, “I was delighted when Governor Perdue appointed David Nahmias to the Supreme Court of Georgia. He has a sterling academic background; his career of public service has included a clerkship on the Supreme Court of the United States, and being United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. He has demonstrated that he possesses the ability, integrity and temperament and the fairness to all people that are required for a Supreme Court Justice. I hope that the voters of Georgia will give him a resounding approval in the forthcoming non-partisan election.”

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Since starting the campaign last fall, Justice Nahmias has made numerous appearances around the state to introduce himself to and hear from citizens and judges, lawyers, and others who work in the legal system.

Citizens to Elect Justice David Nahmias, Inc. has collected additional contributions of \$11,270.65 since the March 31 campaign disclosure statement. Since forming in October 2009, the committee has raised a total of \$96,705 and has \$67,883.71 in cash on hand.

Justice Nahmias was appointed by Governor Perdue on Aug. 13, 2009, to serve on the Supreme Court of Georgia after serving nearly 15 years as a federal prosecutor, including five years as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

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