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## **Ethics Board denies extension of time for Milwaukee municipal judge candidate**

Jeffrey Norman's name will not appear on ballot

The State of Wisconsin Ethics Board today issued a Decision and Order denying a request by Jeffrey B. Norman that the Ethics Board extend the deadline for his filing his Statement of Economic Interests in order for his name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for municipal judge in the City of Milwaukee. State statutes require that, in order to be placed on a ballot, a candidate must file a Statement of Economic Interests with the Ethics Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on the third day after the deadline for filing nomination papers. The due date was January 5, 2007. Mr. Norman said he had mailed his Statement to the Board on January 2, but the Board never received it. Mr. Norman filed a Statement on January 19.

The Ethics Board determined that it did not have the statutory authority to extend a filing deadline for elections. The Board's decision was based on an Attorney

General's opinion from 1993, the last time a potential candidate missed a filing deadline and petitioned the Ethics Board for an extension.

Attached is a copy of the Board's Decision and Order.

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