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Candidate Faces \$1 Million Suit for Defamatory Campaign Mailers

LAWRENCEVILLE GA – Gwinnett Superior Court judicial candidate Christa Kirk is expected to be sued today, maybe in the very court system where the Suwanee attorney is running for election. Edward Eliot Kramer claims in a draft \$1,000,000 [lawsuit](#) to be filed in state or federal court today that Kirk **defamed him in negative campaign mailers** Kirk sent to **thousands** of Gwinnett voters. The mailers attacked her opponent, Superior Court [Judge Kathryn Schrader](#) to help Kirk's election efforts.

Kirk's mailers accused Kramer of being a "*convicted sex offender*". The mailers reference a 2013 case in which Kramer was allowed to enter an Alford plea while maintaining his innocence. Court [records](#) for the case show **judgement was withheld**. Georgia Criminal Information Center (GCIC) [records](#) show Kramer has **no convictions**. Consequently, Kramer has always performed activities not permitted for convicted felons such as [voting](#) and recent [jury duty](#). No complaints in the matter were ever initiated against Kramer by alleged victims, their family members or family service agencies.

In a May 29th cease and desist [letter](#) informing Kirk of the lawsuit, Kramer's attorney Steven Reba, wrote that Kirk's use of Kramer's mug shot for personal gain is "*unethical*". He claimed that Kirk polluted future jury pools based on her "*intentionality or misunderstanding of Georgia law*". He also added: "*Frankly, the sale of a private citizen's due process rights for the scoring a few cheap political points should automatically disqualify you from sitting on the bench.*"

Kirk's mailer associated Kramer and Judge Schrader together based on a trial in which they, private investigator T.J. Ward, and forensic detective Frank Karic were [dubiously charged](#) with computer trespass. Schrader retained T.J. Ward to investigate the root cause of repeated, severe computer security problems that Information Technology staff from the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center (GJAC) could **not** determine. Ward assigned Kramer, his expert in digital forensics, to analyze suspicious network traffic to Schrader's computer. Schrader **never met** Kramer and only knew him by his middle name. As a Superior Court judge, Schrader is accountable directly to Gwinnett voters and has the **ultimate authority** to protect her case files.

Kirk's mailers also implied Kramer was involved in a "*hacking saga*" but the only alleged hacking involved Schrader's belief that District Attorney Danny Porter hacked her computer. The Prosecuting Attorneys Council (PAC) spent **hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars** on a bizarre trial that resulted in a [hung jury](#). Trial evidence showed that Karic and Kramer only employed generally accepted, passive monitoring techniques. The monitoring did not remove network data, alter network components or interfere with network traffic as PAC's indictment claimed.

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