

Supreme Court stands by its guidelines after report raises new ethics questions

(CNN) - The Supreme Court is holding fast to its ethics procedures in light of a new report raising questions about the extent to which colleges and universities have used campus visits by justices as an opportunity to generate donations despite a general ban on judicial fundraising.

In the report published by the Associated Press on Tuesday, the outlet also raises questions concerning Justice Sonia Sotomayor's use of court staff to coordinate book sales.

"The Judicial Code of Ethics encourages judges to stay connected to community activities and to engage with the public, including by writing on both legal and nonlegal subjects," Patricia McCabe, the Supreme Court's public information officer, told the AP in a statement, adding that the justices "routinely travel and speak to university, college and law school audiences and affiliated individuals and entities."

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