



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

CONCURRING OPINION IN ADVISORY OPINION 1983-37

of

COMMISSIONER THOMAS E. HARRIS

I agree with the result reached here, but believe that the majority's opinion reaches too broadly. If a candidate were to file suit against a party committee seeking to become the party's nominee, and if the relief sought included the selection of that particular candidate over another for an upcoming election, the costs of initiating and defending such a suit could very well be for the purpose of influencing a federal election. The majority opinion does not acknowledge this distinction. See Concurring Opinion Re: Advisory Opinion 1983-30.