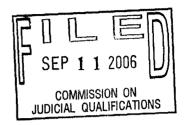


The Supreme Court of Kansas

KANSAS JUDICIAL CENTER 301 S.W. 10th Ave. Topeka, Kansas 66612-1507



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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE 145 September 11, 2006

Question:

May a sitting Hispanic Judge lend her photograph and a short biography to the YWCA as a depiction of a positive role model for young Latinas in the

community during "Hispanic Heritage Month?"

Answer:

Yes. The judge is not receiving an award; the judge is not receiving a gift of money or anything else. The issue raised is whether the depiction of the judge as a role model will convey the impression that the YWCA is in a special position to influence the judge. We find it is not. See Canon 2B, 2005 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 560 and JE 140.

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