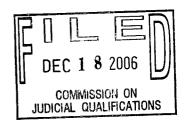


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The judge has been asked to serve as a commissioner of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission and is asking us whether service on this Commission is permissible under the Code of Judicial Conduct.

We have examined K.S.A. 32-805(d) which contains the powers of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks and have found this Commission is a governmental commission that is concerned with issues of policy on matters other than the improvement of the law, the legal system or the administration of justice. Therefore, service on this Commission by a judge would violate Canon 4C(2) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. 2006 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 580.

We believe this is consistent with commentary in Judicial Ethics Opinion JE 38.

Adrian J. Allen, Chairman

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