JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

Judicial Ethics Opinion JE 154
July 2, 2007

Question: A judge inquires whether he may serve on the Board of Trustees of the Kansas Bar Foundation so long as he does not solicit funds or offer legal advice.

Answer: Yes.

Canon 4C(4), 2006 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 581, specifically allows a judge to serve as a director of an educational organization subject to the limitations set out in subsections (a) (b) and (c) which would prohibit the judge from soliciting funds or giving legal or investment advice. See also Canon 4G, 2006 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 585 and Judicial Ethics Opinions JE 77, JE 104, JE 134, and JE 152.

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