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Topic

A judge's participation in civic affairs.

Question: May a District Judge participate in a civic enterprise programmed by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry?

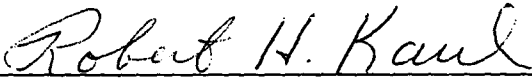
Answer: Yes.

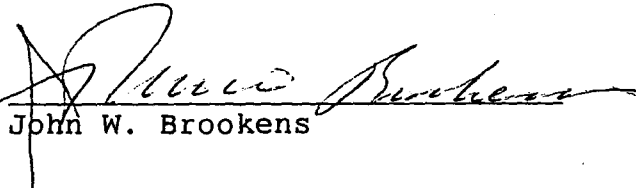
A judge has been selected to participate in an activity programmed by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry; however, the activity has its own Board of Trustees. The program consists of six sessions scheduled in two and three day sessions totaling thirteen days, running from May 1993 through October 1993, and are located in different regions of the state. The participants pay \$350.00 tuition and are responsible for their own travel, meals, and lodging not covered in the tuition.

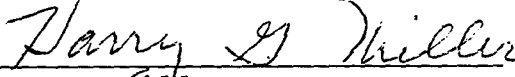
The judge states that he can use vacation days for the sessions and that he has cleared his absence with the Administrative Judge of his district.

The judge's only description of the session programs is "The participants are exposed to Kansas issues and information."

While a judge is authorized under Canon 5B to participate in civic activities, provided such activities do not reflect upon his impartiality and integrity as a judge; the judge must always be aware of the limitations placed upon him by the various restrictions contained in Canon 5 and comments applicable there in.


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