JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-52

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Question: Can the Magistrate Judges of a judicial district serve as the directors of a not-for-profit corporation created to administer a CASA program in the district?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Can the District Magistrate Judge engage in limited fund raising activities for the corporation?

Answer: Yes.

Commentary: These issues are covered by Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct which specifically permits a judge to serve as a director of an organization devoted to the administration of justice which would include a CASA Program created pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1505a and SCR 110. The Judge may also assist the organization in raising funds so long as he or she does not personally participate in public fund raising activities.

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