JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-66

July 19, 1996

QUESTION: May a candidate in an elective judicial district, subject to public election, run for District Judge and for Precinct Committee person at the same election?

ANSWER: No. The Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits such conduct.

COMMENT:

Judges are prohibited from holding office in a political organization, 1995 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 416, Rule 5A(1)(a). The office of precinct committeeman is an office in a political organization, see JE 23 and JE 63.


A candidate for Judge who is also a candidate for precinct committee person implies he or she may hold both offices, which is untrue, and a violation of Rule 5A(3).

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