

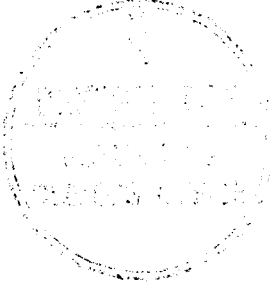


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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-16

Question: May a judge who is a member of the board of directors of a private, not-for-profit corporation, "_____ County Substance Abuse Services, Inc.," participate in seeking grants for such corporation from charitable foundations "whose purpose is to give away funds"?

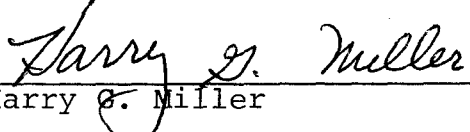
Answer: The answer to this question is "no" because it falls within the proscription of Canon 5B(2) which provides in pertinent part:

"A judge should not solicit funds for any educational, religious, charitable, fraternal or civic organizations, or use or permit the use of his office for that purpose."

Obviously, a per se prohibition against the solicitation of funds is deemed appropriate from the language of the rule. An examination of the many advisory opinions of other jurisdictions evince a strong consensus in favor of a strict interpretation of the antisolicitation rule.


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