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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-47

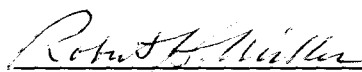
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Question: May a District Magistrate Judge sit as a member of the board of directors of a non-profit corporation organized to assist persons with disabilities, some of whom have guardians and conservators, when the judge may be required to approve the acts and accounts of such conservators?

Answer: Yes.

Discussion: The judges, of course, may not participate in any fund raising. [Canon 5 B (2) (1993 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 389)] Questioner states that by the organization's rules, she would not participate in fund raising nor use the prestige of her office for that purpose. A judge may participate in civic and charitable organizations, subject to the restrictions of Canon 5 B. (1993 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 389). It is unlikely that the organization would be involved in litigation; the accountings would be presented by the individual guardians or conservators, not by the organization.

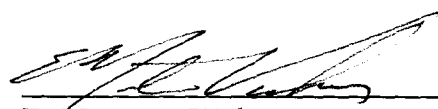
We find nothing in the Canons of Judicial Ethics that would prohibit questioner from serving on this board of directors.



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