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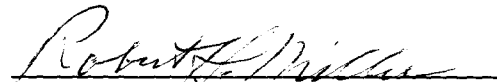
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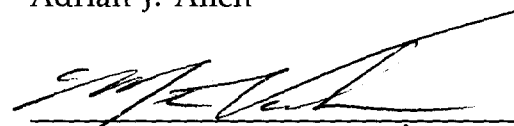
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- Question:** May a person who is a part-time municipal judge also hold the position of precinct committeeman of a political party?
- Answer:** No.
- Discussion:** Canon 7 A (1) (a) states that "A judge . . . should not . . . hold any office in a political party . . ." Precinct committeeman is an office in a political party. The prohibition in the Canon is absolute, and serves the purpose of separating judges from political activity. We see no reason, in the facts before us, for deviation from that rule.

  
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