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Kansas Judicial Center

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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE 84

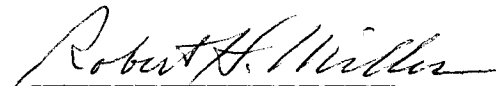
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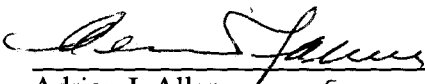


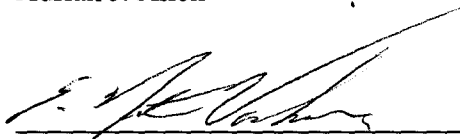
Facts: A judge is serving on the governing body of his church. The church is interested in acquiring a tract of land, and the judge has been asked to serve on a land purchase committee which will oversee the activities of the purchase, including negotiations as to purchase price, restrictive covenants, and the like. An attorney member of the committee will be primarily responsible for overseeing the legal aspects of the purchase. A separate committee will handle the fund raising. The judge will do no legal work and no fund raising.

Question: May the judge serve on such a committee?

Answer: Yes, we find nothing in the Canons which would prohibit the judge from serving on such a committee, so long as the judge is not involved in fund raising or in the practice of law.


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REMINDER: Please see Rule 650(f), 1997 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 464.