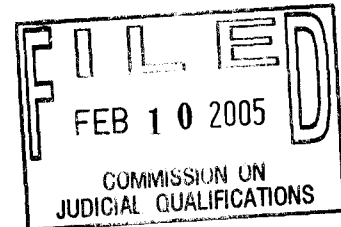




The Supreme Court of Kansas

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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE 125

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A developer has requested a zoning change from single family zoning to a much less restrictive high density use on a large tract approximately one block from the judge's home.

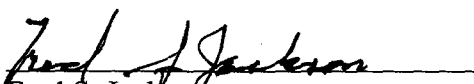
The issues are whether the judge can appear and speak at zoning board and other governmental meetings and take appropriate actions in opposition to the proposed change.

We find nothing in the Canons to prohibit such activity when the judge is acting pro se in his or her own interests. See Canon 4C(1), 2004 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 550.

However, the judge should be careful to comply with the several provisions of Canon 2B, 2004 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 540.


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