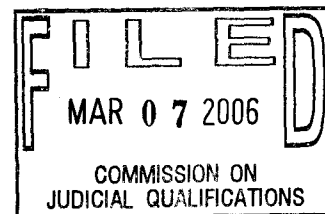




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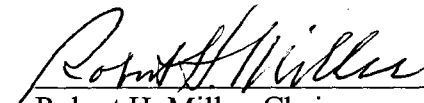
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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE 137 March 6, 2006

A judge has received a solicitation asking for a cash contribution for Kansans for Simple Justice. The judge inquires whether it is ethically permissible for a judge to contribute to this organization. The judge further inquires whether our opinion in JE132 (2005) is applicable to activities in support of Kansans for Simple Justice.

We are informed that Kansans for Simple Justice is a coalition formed to combat the attacks on the courts and to educate the legislature and the people of Kansas about the advantages of the current merit-based judicial selection system and the disadvantages of a politically-based judicial selection system. Kansans for Simple Justice is not a "political organization." See the definition in 2005 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 558.

We considered the same question related to a similar organization in JE132 (2005) and conclude that that opinion applies equally to contributions and activities in support of Kansans for Simple Justice. A judge may make contributions to Kansans for Simple Justice.


Robert H. Miller, Chairman


Adrian J. Allen

Fred S. Jackson not participating.