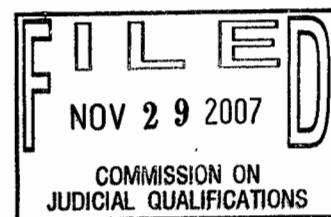




The Supreme Court of Kansas



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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE 159

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The judge has received a request from the university the judge attended for permission to use a picture of the judge in a newspaper advertisement for the university.

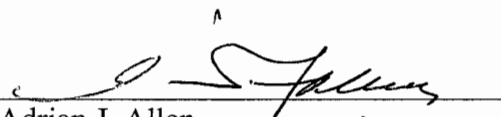
The judge has included a copy of an advertisement previously published by this newspaper that shows an animated picture of an individual who is identified as a graduate of the university who now holds a substantial position with a national company and the comment:

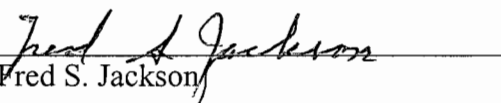
“My education experience at (the university) prepared me to keep focused on my goals and to keep a positive attitude towards life and my career.”

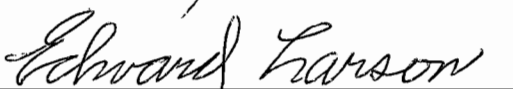
The judge states that the advertisement is a copy of how the picture of the judge would be used. We anticipate that in addition to the picture the judge’s name would be utilized along with the judicial position the judge now holds.

This issue is covered by Canon 2B which provides in pertinent part that: “A judge shall not lend the prestige of judicial office to advance the private interests of the judge or others;” (2006 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 570).

We are of the opinion that an affirmative response to the universities request would constitute the lending of the prestige of judicial office to advance the private interests of another and therefore a violation of Canon 2B.


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