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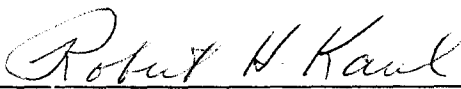
### Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-23


A lawyer, holding the position of precinct committeeman of a political party, was appointed as a judge. He now retains both positions. He inquires whether or not he must resign as precinct committeeman.

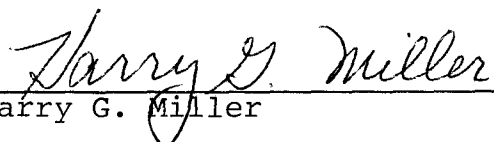
Question: Is the position of precinct committeeman of a political party an "office" in a political party within the meaning of Canon 7A(1)(a)?

Answer: Yes, it is. Canon 7A(1)(a), in pertinent part, states "a judge ... should not ... hold any office in a political organization." Precinct committeeman is an office in a political organization within the meaning of the cited canon. The judge must resign as precinct committeeman forthwith.

Further, as to whether a precinct committeeman of a political party holds an "office," see K.S.A. 25-3801, 3802.

  
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