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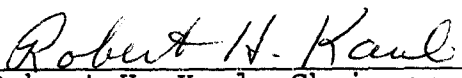
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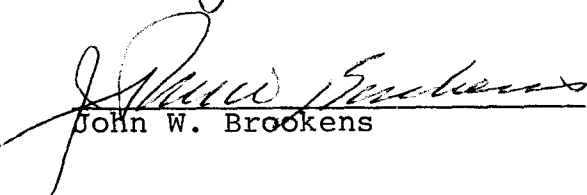
Remittal of disqualification because of relationship.

A sister-in-law of a municipal judge for a small city has been appointed a patrolwoman for the city. The judge asks, "May I ethically preside at all proceedings in which my sister-in-law is involved if all parties to the proceedings are advised on record of our relationship and agree in writing that the relationship is immaterial?"

A sister-in-law of a judge is within the third degree of relationship and as such makes disqualification mandatory under Canon 3C(1)(d)(i) in any proceeding where both are involved. However, a Remittal of Disqualification under the provisions of Canon 3D allows a judge to continue to preside at all proceedings in which his sister-in-law is involved.


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