



The Supreme Court of Kansas

Kansas Judicial Center
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1507

JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-48

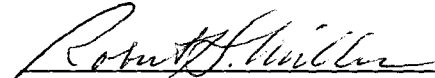
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Question: May a sitting judge pose in judicial attire in his or her courtroom for a professional photographer who intends to use the photographs so taken in a portfolio demonstrating his work. This will be circulated to various advertising agencies. The judge would receive no compensation, does not know the photographer, and does not anticipate that the photographer will ever be a litigant in the judge's court.

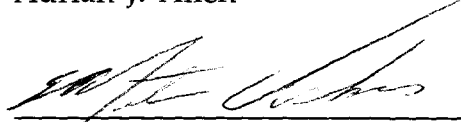
Answer: No.

Discussion: We believe the judge's proposed conduct is prohibited by Canon 2B, which provides in pertinent part:

"A judge . . . should not lend the prestige of his office to advance the private interests of others . . ."


Robert H. Miller, Chairman


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