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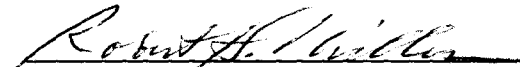
Question: May a full-time municipal court judge serve as a member of the local board of education?

Discussion: Members of a board of education are chosen by the electors of the district at a non-partisan election. Canon 5A(2) of the Canons of Judicial Ethics provides:

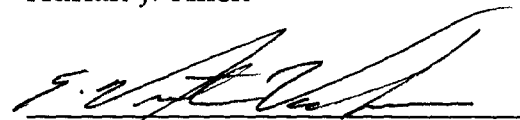
"A judge shall resign from judicial office upon becoming a candidate for a nonjudicial office either in a primary or in a general election . . ."

Prior to the time this Canon becomes effective, the Judge was elected to the Board of Education, and is presently serving both as municipal judge (an appointive office) and as a member of the Board of Education.

Answer: We find nothing in the Canons to prohibit him or her from finishing the term of office as a member of the Board. However, under Canon 5A(2), he or she cannot again become a candidate for that office without resigning the judgeship.


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