



The Supreme Court  
of Kansas

Kansas Judicial Center  
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1507



JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-66

July 19, 1996

**QUESTION:** May a candidate in an elective judicial district, subject to public election, run for District Judge and for Precinct Committee person at the same election?

**ANSWER:** No. The Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits such conduct.

**COMMENT:**

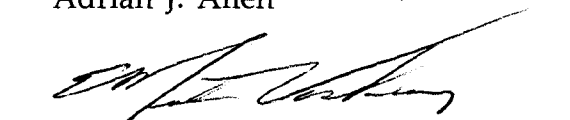
Judges are prohibited from holding office in a political organization, 1995 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 416, Rule 5A(1)(a). The office of precinct committeeman is an office in a political organization, see JE 23 and JE 63.

A candidate for Judicial Office, "...shall act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity ... of the Judiciary." 1995 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 417, Rule 5A(3).

A candidate for Judge who is also a candidate for precinct committee person implies he or she may hold both offices, which is untrue, and a violation of Rule 5A(3).

  
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