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A District Judge in an elective district asks: 1) whether members of the judge's re-election committee may make campaign contributions; and 2) whether such contributions may be made within one year of the next election?

As to the first question, we find nothing in the Canons which would prohibit members of the committee from contributing funds.

As to the second question, Canon 5C(2), 2003 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 539 provides in part that the committee may solicit contributions "no earlier than one year before an election."

Thus the answer to both questions posed is "Yes."

/Robert H. Miller, Chairman

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