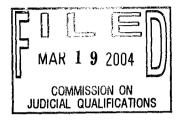


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## Judicial Ethics Opinion JE 118 March 19, 2004

A judge in an elective district asks whether e-mailing a campaign letter to members of the local bar would violate the Rules Relating to Judicial Conduct or the Kansas Commercial Electronic Mail Act, K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 50-6,107. We have no jurisdiction or authority to determine the latter question. See 2003 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 560, Rule 650(d).

With regard to the first question raised, a candidate for a judgeship may not personally solicit campaign contributions or publicly stated support. 2003 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 539, Canon 5C(2). However, under the same Canon, the judge's election committee may send out campaign literature.

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