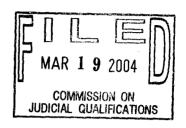


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The judge has been approached by the chief judge of the District Court to represent the court at a three-day model court program in mediation in Tucson, Arizona. The expense of the trip would be paid by the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). SRS attorneys regularly appear before the judge in juvenile cases.

The judge asks whether he may attend the program since SRS is paying the expenses.

Answer: Yes. We find the program to be an activity devoted to the administration of justice and therefore payment of the expense by SRS is allowable under Canon 4D(5)(a). 2003 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 531.

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