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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-15

Question: Is a judge prohibited from investing in an abstract

company where his only involvement will be that of an

investor?

Answer: Subject to the limitations imposed by the provisions

of Canon 5C(1), and (2), and (3), a judge may invest

funds in an abstract company.

An abstract company is affected with a public interest,

particularly with the legal profession; therefore, the

judge's participation in such a company must be

strictly limited to his financial investment therein.

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