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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-29

Topic

May a retired district judge who is serving as a member of a city council accept an assignment as a sitting judge.

The administrative judge of a judicial district is concerned that the assignment of a retired judge, who is serving as a city council member, might be a violation of judicial ethics, specifically Canon 7A(4).

Section C of the provisions for compliance with the Code of Judicial Conduct gives retired judges the status of judges pro tempore. A judge pro tem is not specifically exempted by section B(1) from compliance with Canon 7A(4); however, 7A(4) is not applicable to a judge pro tempore or a retired judge in the situation presented here.

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