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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-4

Ouestion:

Do the Canons of Judicial Ethics apply to municipal court judges, and more particularly, if the Code does apply, does Canon 7A(3) require a part-time judge to resign his/her position in order to run for county attorney in a contested election?

Answer:

Yes. Supreme Court Rule No. 604(b) defines "judge" to include a municipal court judge. This being the case, Canon 7A(3) requires a municipal court judge to resign from his judicial office upon becoming a candidate for county attorney. This applies equally to a full-time as well as a part-time municipal court judge.

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