

The Supreme Court of Kansas

Kansas Judicial Center Topeka, Kansas 66612-1507

JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-57

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Question:

May a "Continuing part-time judge" and a "Periodic part-time judge," as defined in the Terminology section of the Rules Relating to Judicial Conduct, 256 Kansas Advance Sheets, No. 3, pp. vii, viii, continue to practice law before the court upon which they serve?

Discussion:

Some courts are divided into separate divisions (e.g. criminal, civil, domestic, traffic, etc.) and if an attorney serves as a Continuing or Periodic part-time judge in only one division of such a court, may the attorney continue to practice law before other divisions of the same courts?

Answer:

No. The new rule does not change the intent of the old rule. The new rule however, is very specific and prohibits an attorney who serves as a Continuing part-time judge or a Periodic part-time judge from practicing law before the court upon which the attorney so serves.

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