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QUESTION:

May a Judge serve as the chairman, co-chairman or as a member of the membership committee of the American Bar Association for the State of Kansas?

ANSWER:

Yes.

COMMENT:

Canon 4 C (3), 1995 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 410, provides:

"Quasi-judicial Activities. A judge may serve as a member, officer, or director of an organization or governmental agency devoted to the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice. . . ."

The American Bar Association is such an organization. A judge may invite lawyers to join bar associations. We find nothing in the Canons which would prohibit a judge from serving on memberships or other committees of bar associations.

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