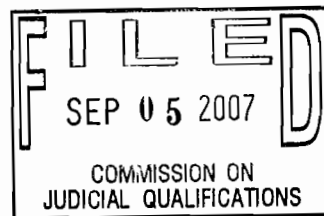




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## JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

### Judicial Ethics Opinion JE 156


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The judge is a retired district judge who accepts occasional judicial assignments when called upon by the chief judge. The judge's daughter and son-in-law are both lawyers, and the son-in-law has requested the judge to assist him in a criminal case that will soon be tried to a jury.

The judge correctly recognizes that the judge is not prohibited from the practice of law by virtue of paragraph B of the Application of the Code of Judicial Conduct (2006 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 593) and Canon 4G (2006 Kan. R. Annot. 585). The judge may, therefore, assist in the criminal jury trial.

In addition the judge asks whether there are other ethical impediments to the judge's assistance in the criminal jury trial.

Rule 650(c) requires that requests for judicial ethics advisory opinions shall contain a complete statement of all facts pertaining to the intended conduct together with a clear, concise question of judicial ethics. (2006 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 613) Without a complete factual statement, we are unable to respond to the question of whether there are other ethical impediments to the judge's assistance in the criminal case.

  
Adrian J. Allen

  
Edward Larson

Fred S. Jackson not participating.