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Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-5

The questions submitted pertain to permissible activities by judges in connection with a proposition relating to the method of selection of district judges of a judicial district which will appear on the ballot of the district at the November 1984 general election.

The questions submitted are as follows:

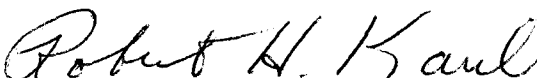
- Question No. 1: May a judge speak in favor of such proposition for civic groups?
- Question No. 2: May a judge support such proposition in response to media or voter inquiries?
- Question No. 3: May a judge serve on a citizens' committee supporting such proposition?
- Question No. 4: May a judge make a monetary contribution to such citizens' committee?
- Question No. 5: May a judge's name be allowed to appear on advertisements which support such proposition?
- Question No. 6: May a judge solicit support of citizens (not before the court) for such proposition?

Answer: Yes, to each of the above questions.

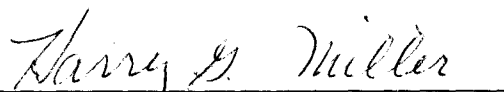
The method of judicial selection directly impacts upon the administration of justice within the contemplation of Canon 4 of the Code of Judicial

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Conduct. It is our opinion, therefore, that judges may participate in the activities set forth in the questions submitted. Within the relevant restraints of Canons 4, 5, and 7, a judge may take a position and engage in the activities in support of or in opposition to the two methods set forth in such proposition.


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