

## The Supreme Court of Kansas

Kansas Judicial Center Topeka, Kansas 66612-1507

## JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

Judicial Ethics Opinion JE-61

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Question:

May the spouse of a judge in a non-partisan district serve as a campaign

manager for a candidate for office in a congressional district?

Answer:

Yes, however the judge should carefully avoid impropriety and even the appearance of impropriety while the judge's spouse participates in this political activity. [1995 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 601A-2; 601A-5A(1); 601A-5D]. In the event the judge should become a candidate for retention, he or she should encourage his or her spouse to adhere to the same standards of political conduct that apply to the judge in support of the judge's candidacy. [1995 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 601A-5A(3)].

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