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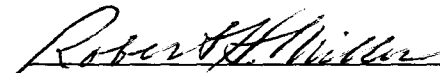
Judicial Ethics Opinion JE 103


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**FACTS:** An attorney in private practice represented a young man who entered a guilty plea to a charge of burglary. Five years later, the young man is seeking expungement and asks his former attorney to provide a letter of recommendation. The former attorney is now a judge.

**QUESTION:** May the judge write a letter of recommendation for the former client, knowing that the letter will be submitted to another judge who is considering expungement?

**ANSWER:** No. A judge shall not lend the prestige of judicial office to advance the private interests of others, or testify voluntarily as a character witness. Canon 2(B), 1999 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 466.

  
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