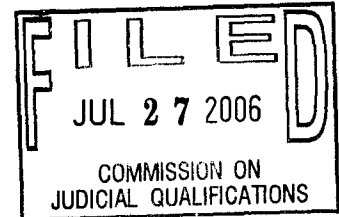




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The judge asks whether the judge may make donations to organizations designated as 501c(3) and 501c(4) corporations under the Internal Revenue Code. The judge states that these corporations appear to engage in social welfare activities and they also appear to engage in political lobbying to further their causes and agendas.

We find nothing in the Code of Judicial Conduct that would prohibit a judge from making contributions to charitable organizations simply because the organizations employ a lobbyist in order to further its aims and programs. A judge should support charitable activities. See the Commentary following Canon 4A, 2005 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 569 and Canon 4C(4), 2005 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 571.


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