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FACTS:

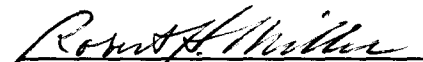
A judge who has handled many DUI and minors in possession of alcohol cases has written an article on underage drinking, emphasizing the danger of adults condoning it either explicitly or implicitly. The State Department of Transportation and a local newspaper have expressed interest in publishing the article.

QUESTION:


The judge asks if this article violates Canon 2 or 4, 1999 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 465 and 473.

CONCLUSION:

The test applicable here is whether the proposed article would create in reasonable minds a perception that the judge's ability to carry out judicial responsibilities with impartiality is impaired. We have read the proposed article carefully and conclude that the article does not violate those canons.

  
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