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A retired judge asks if he may actively support a candidate for judicial office. The judge has been retired more than five years and has not performed the functions of a judge in any court of this State during retirement.

ANSWER:

We conclude that under these facts, the Code of Judicial Conduct does not apply to this retired judge. See paragraph A and commentary, Application of the Code of Judicial Conduct, 1999 Kan. Ct. R. Annot 486. However, if in the future the judge accepts any judicial assignment, the Code would immediately apply (see paragraph B) and Canon 5, 1999 Kan. Ct. R. Annot 481, would govern the judge's political conduct.

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