

March 4, 2002

Re: Judicial Advisory Opinion 01-10

Dear

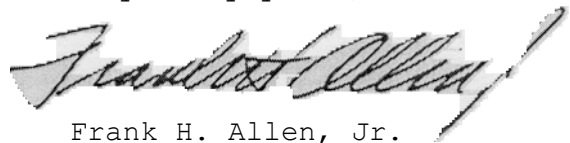
You have asked this Committee for an opinion as to whether it would violate the Code of Judicial Conduct for a part-time municipal judge to run for public office. Rule 21-700(C) NMRA 2002 provides:

No judge of any court in the State of New Mexico may while in office be nominated or elected to a public non-judicial office. A judge must, when filing a statement of candidacy for a non-judicial office, resign the judge's office immediately.

Although under Rule 21-901(C), a part-time municipal judge is not subject to several of the provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct, Rule 21-901(C) does not exempt a part-time municipal judge from compliance with Rule 21-700(C).

Therefore, if you seek a public non-judicial office, the Code of Judicial Conduct requires that you resign as part-time municipal judge upon the filing of your statement of candidacy for the non-judicial office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank H. Allen, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Frank H. Allen, Jr.  
Chairman  
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March 14, 2002

Re: Judicial Advisory Opinion 01-10

Dear

After telling you that it would be ok for you to run for public office I was corrected by one of the members of the committee that I was referring to Rule 21-500(C)2 instead of Rule 21- 700 (C) as I should have.

I'm sorry for the misinformation. See enclosed opinion from the committee.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank H. Allen, Jr.".

Frank H. Allen, Jr.  
Chairperson  
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Enclosure

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