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In re Advisory Letter No. 7-11 of Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Extrajudicial Activities

Supreme Court of New Jersey - March 6, 2013 - A.3d - 2013 WL 811863

Judge allowed to serve in the same municipality where his son had been sworn in as police officer, but with significant limitations.

Chief municipal court judge petitioned for review of opinion issued by Advisory Committee on Extrajudicial Activities that judge could no longer serve as judge in same municipality where judge's son had been sworn in as police officer.

The Supreme Court of New Jersey held that chief municipal court judge could serve, but was disqualified from presiding over any case in which his son or any fellow police officers or coworkers were party or witness in any case in municipal court, and was disqualified from acting in any supervisory capacity over other municipal court judges.

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