

circumstances present greater danger that the judge is lending the prestige of judicial office to “advance the personal or economic interests of others.”

CONCLUSION

It is the opinion of the Committee that a judge may complete a reference letter where the judge has personal knowledge of the candidate, even where the judge has no direct knowledge of a person’s job performance abilities, so long as the judge does not offer opinions on issues of which the judge has no personal knowledge.

REFERENCES

Revised Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct, Canon 1; Rule 1.3; Commentary to Rule 1.3.

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