

**REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 236 of 1961**

**600.839 Probate judge, probate register, or employee of probate court; prohibitions.**

Sec. 839.

(1) A probate judge, probate register, or employee of the probate court shall not be:

(a) A fiduciary or appraiser of an estate under the jurisdiction of the probate court in the county or probate court district in which he is a probate judge, probate register, or employee.

(b) An attorney or counsel in an action or matter which may depend upon, or relate to, a sentence or order made or entered by the probate judge in the county or probate court district in which he is a probate judge, probate register, or employee.

(c) An attorney or counsel for or against a fiduciary appointed under the jurisdiction of the probate court in the county or probate court district in which he is a probate judge, probate register, or employee, in any action or proceeding brought by or against the fiduciary as such or in any action or proceeding relating to the official conduct of that fiduciary.

(2) A probate judge shall not have a partner practicing in the probate court in the county or probate court district in which he is a probate judge. Unless he is a party to the proceeding, a probate judge shall not be directly or indirectly interested in the costs of a proceeding that is brought in the probate court in the county or probate court district in which he is a probate judge.

(3) A clerk or employee of the probate court may not be an appraiser, referee, or divider of an estate which is under the jurisdiction of the probate court in the county or probate court district in which he is a clerk or employee.

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