

Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The following Advisory opinion of this Commission is addressed to you in response to your letter of April 27, 1977, in which you request an opinion as to the propriety of your selling your personal set of American Law Reports Annotated 2nd Series to the Colbert County Public Law Library. It is the understanding that by statute you serve on the board of said library.

It is the opinion of this Commission that such a sale would constitute a violation of Canon 2 of the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics in that such action would constitute a criminal offense under Title 41, Section 211, Code of Alabama 1940 (Recompiled 1958) (as amended) prohibiting the sale of goods or supplies to the county by any state or county officer. As you are aware, Canon 2 provides that a judge should avoid the appearance of impropriety in all his actions.