

## Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion concerning whether a district judge in Alabama may practice law in another state. We assume that your inquiry is directed to that period of time in which the Alabama District Court Judge is serving in an active capacity.

As you are aware, the Judicial Inquiry Commission is authorized to give opinions only as to matters concerning the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics. Canon 5F provides as follows:

“A judge should not practice law.”

It is the opinion of the Commission that under Canon 5F of the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics a judge is prohibited from engaging in the practice of law whether the judge seeks to do so in the State of Alabama or within some other jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION