

## Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion concerning whether a judge may become a member of the American Arbitration Association. While the Commission did not receive the enclosure indicated in your request, the Commission renders this opinion based upon the assumption that the American Arbitration Association is a professional organization.

It is the opinion of the Commission that under Canon 5G of the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics and Canon 5E it is permissible for a judge to become a member of the American Arbitration Association; however, if he becomes a member, a judge would still be precluded from acting as an arbitrator or mediator in any case.

Sincerely,

JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION