

Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion concerning whether, under the Canons of Judicial Ethics, the presiding judge of a three-county, single-judge circuit may, under Rule 13 of the Rules of Judicial Administration, assign a district court judge to sit on an emergency basis in those cases in which the circuit judge is disqualified.

It is the opinion of the Commission that a judge's disqualification based on kinship does not extend to assigning or appointing a judge to hear a proceeding pursuant to Rule 13 of the Rules of Judicial Administration.

Very truly yours,

JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION