

Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion concerning whether a judge may run for and, if elected, serve as a delegate to a national political convention.

Your question has been answered previously by the Commission in Opinion No. 78-46. There the Commission held that service as a delegate to a national convention was discouraged but not prohibited under Canon 7 of the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics. The Commission further admonished that if a judge should engage in such political activity, he must be extremely cautious so that his conduct does not in any way interfere with his judicial duties or reflect adversely on the integrity, impartiality or independence of the judiciary. A copy of that opinion is enclosed for your convenience.

Opinion 78-46 is hereby reaffirmed and applied to District as well as Circuit Court Judges.

Yours very truly,

JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION