

Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion concerning whether the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics prohibit a judge's former law clerk/bailiff from stating in his practice of law announcement that he was formerly associated with the judge. Under the facts presented, the judge's name was used without the judge's consent.

It is the opinion of the Commission that the Canons of Judicial Ethics do not govern the above-stated fact situation. Since the attorney is no longer employed by the judge, the judge, whose conduct is governed by the Canons, exercises no authority over the announcement contents.

Sincerely,

JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION