

Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion regarding any possible violation of the Canons of Ethics in your owning and participating in the operation of a library furniture business which caters primarily to members of the legal profession and of the judiciary.

After studying the facts which you have related to us, we do not find that at the present time your participation in these business activities constitutes a violation of the Canons of Judicial Ethics.

However, we would advise that for your protection you consider Canon 5C(1) which provides in pertinent part as follows:

“A judge should refrain from financial dealings that tend to reflect adversely on his impartiality, interfere with the proper performance of his judicial duties or exploit his position.”

Sincerely yours,