

Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion concerning whether a judge may respond to a general notice of a Petition for Reinstatement to the Alabama State Bar in which it is requested that members of the public furnish to the general counsel of the state bar, any information relevant to the qualifications of the petitioner.

It is the opinion of this Commission that a judge should respond to the above-described notice by furnishing such requested information. However, under Canon 2C of the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics, a judge should not testify at such a proceeding unless he is subpoenaed to do so.