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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion concerning whether, under the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics, it is permissible for a judge to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Community Action Agency of Calhoun, Cleburne and Cherokee Counties, Inc.

Our research indicates that the Community Action Agency is a charitable, non-profit corporation dedicated to providing services for disadvantaged persons in Calhoun, Cleburne and Cherokee Counties. Under Canon 5 B a judge may serve as a member of the board of directors of a charitable organization or institution "not conducted for the economic or political advantage of its members..." Such service is further subject to the limitations set out in parts (1) through (3) of Canon 5 B. Therefore, it is the opinion of this Commission that as long as the judge's service as a member of the board of directors of the Community Action Agency does not conflict with the provisions of Canon 5 B, the judge may serve on such board.