

Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion in which you ask if it is permissible under the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics for a district court judge to participate as one of the judges of a public speaking contest in a local high school. You ask whether such activity would be governed by Canon 5 as an avocational, civic or charitable activity or by Canon 4 as a quasi-judicial activity.

It is the opinion of this commission that the proposed activity is governed by Canon 5 and that a district court judge may participate in the contest as requested so long as such participation does not interfere with the performance of his judicial duties.