

Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion regarding the propriety of a retired circuit judge serving on inactive status engaging in the practice of law before the state courts of Alabama and the courts of the United States or as general counsel for a domestic or foreign corporation doing business in Alabama.

It is the opinion of this Commission that the Canons of Judicial Ethics do not prohibit a retired circuit judge serving on inactive status from practicing law. Such retired judges may therefore participate in any of the activities which you describe.

However, if he is called back to active duty, he is subject to the Canons of Judicial Ethics.