Judicial Inquiry Commission 800 SOUTH MCDONOUGH STREET SUITE 201 MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has reviewed your request for an opinion concerning whether the Canons of Judicial Ethics would prohibit a part-time municipal court judge from representing a client arrested by city police but whose case is tried in circuit court. As we understand the facts, the municipal court took no action on your client's case.

It is the opinion of this Commission that under the circumstances of this case, the Canons of Judicial Ethics do not prohibit a part-time municipal judge from representing a client whose case has never been before the municipal court.