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Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion regarding whether a judge may, at the request of a disbarred attorney, submit a letter to the Board of Bar Commissioners in support of the attorney's application for reinstatement. You specifically request the opinion of the Commission as to whether such a letter would be in violation of Canon 2 of the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics.

It is the opinion of the Commission that such a letter would be in the nature of voluntary testimony as a character witness and, as such, would be prohibited by Canon 2C.