Judicial Inquiry Commission 800 SOUTH MCDONOUGH STREET

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion concerning whether the employment of a judge's daughter as a teacher by a local board of education may create a conflict of interest respecting the judge's trying cases to which the school board is a party. You further state that the judge has several cases in which the school board is a party, some of which involve tenure, but most of which are of a contract nature.

It is the opinion of the Commission that there exists no conflict of interest respecting the judge's trying cases to which the school board is a party unless the judge's daughter, who is employed by the board, has a direct interest in the proceeding.