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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request for an opinion concerning whether under the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics a district court judge, who is a candidate for circuit court judge, may accept campaign contributions from a bonding company or a major stockholder in a bonding company which does business in the circuit and district courts.

It is the opinion of the Commission that the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics do not prohibit such campaign contributions; however, a candidate for judicial office should be ever mindful of Canons 7B(I)(c), 1, 2A and 2C.

Very truly yours,