

## Judicial Inquiry Commission

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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 judge is disqualified from sitting in a proceeding in which one of the parties is represented by an attorney, who rents a residence from the judge's wife and her aunt.

It is the opinion of the Commission that a judge is disqualified from sitting in any proceeding in which one of the parties is represented by an attorney, who rents his residence from the judge's wife and her aunt. This opinion is consistent with our previous Opinion No. 82-130. There we stated that, under Canon 3C(1), a judge is disqualified from sitting in a proceeding in which one of the parties is represented by a member of a law firm, which rents its offices from the judge or the judge's wife. We found this financial relationship would cause the judge's impartiality to be reasonably questioned under the provisions of Canon 3C(1).

Sincerely,

JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION