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

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This is in response to your request for an advisory opinion from the Judicial Inquiry Commission.

It is the opinion of this Commission that you may appear in a public service video announcement the theme of which is "Believe in the future. Support Girl Scouting." In the video you will appear in your judicial robe, will not be identified by name, and will make no verbal comment. In the video, a child asks, "Mommy, can I really be anything I want to be when I grow up?"

"A judge may participate in civic and charitable activities that do not reflect adversely upon his impartiality of interfere with the performance of his judicial duties." Canon 5B, Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics. We do not construe the phrase "Support Girl Scouting," as a solicitation of "funds" as discouraged by Canon 5B(2).

This advisory opinion has been considered and approved by the entire Judicial Inquiry Commission.