

## Judicial Inquiry Commission

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This is in response to your request for an advisory opinion from the Judicial Inquiry Commission. Your question is whether you may serve as a member of the board of directors of a community corrections program. The program is designed to provide judges, court personnel, sheriffs, jailers, and county commissioners with alternative solutions for placing defendants who have been convicted of misdemeanor crimes in a community corrections program in which defendants are ordered to serve time in community service in lieu of jail time.

It is the opinion of this Commission that a judge, subject to the proper performance of his judicial duties and to the extent his or her time permits, may serve as a member of the board of directors of a community corrections program. Canon 4, Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics encourages a judge to engage in activities to improve the law, the legal system, and the administration of justice.

This advisory opinion has been considered by and is the opinion of the Judicial Inquiry Commission.