

## Judicial Inquiry Commission

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In response to your request for an advisory opinion, it is the opinion of this Commission that a judge should not preside over the divorce involving the parties whose marriage the judge solemnized. Such conduct would not tend to promote public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary. Canon 2A. See Advisory Opinion 84-225 (A municipal court judge should not continue to represent his client in circuit court on an appeal de novo from a ruling of the municipal court even though the ruling was prior to the judge's appointment as municipal judge. The described activity does not promote public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary since while serving as a judge, a lawyer would seek to overturn a proceeding occurring before his own court, even though that proceeding occurred prior to the judge's assuming the bench.).

See also Advisory Opinions 87-302 and 97-301 holding that judge is disqualified from hearing appeals from his own court and a judge may not rule on the appeal of his own decision.

This opinion has been reviewed by and is the opinion of the entire Commission.