

Judicial Inquiry Commission

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission has considered your request to reconsider Advisory Opinion 96-624 in light of additional facts concerning the operation of the IMPACT program. You have indicated that funding for the program includes contributions by the County Commission and three cities; that the judge would neither be involved in fund-raising nor in oversight of the day-to-day operation of the program; that the program will have only one employee and that the rest of the staff will be volunteers; that the only charge to the participants will be approximately \$30.00, which covers the cost of materials only; that the judge will not have supervisory authority over the staff providing the counseling; that the judge would only be involved in presiding over meetings and in broad areas such as planning for needs and general program direction; and that there is no competing facility from which such services are available.

It is the opinion of the Commission that, under all of the facts in this particular case, the judge may serve as chairman of the board of the IMPACT program.

Yours very truly,

JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION