



JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

Room E-400, State Capitol

Charleston 25305

September 5, 1990

Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 1990-05

Dear

At a recent meeting of the Judicial Investigation Commission, your request for an advisory opinion was reviewed involving the situation of an attorney preparing wills for you and Mrs. when you had cases pending in your court involving the firm with which the attorney is associated. You emphasized, however, that the attorney is not involved in the cases and does no litigation himself. You question your recusing yourself now and in the future from cases involving the attorney's firm and whether it was your duty to disclose the fact that he had done a will for you and Mrs.

After discussion of the possible ramifications involving your questions, it was determined that this body did not feel it was necessary for you to recuse yourself nor make a disclosure in this instance since this was a one-time representation and did not involve an ongoing matter.

If you have questions concerning this opinion, please feel free to bring them to my attention.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. Jack Stevens", is written over the typed name.

W. Jack Stevens, Chairman

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