



JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

Building 1, Room E400
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25305-0834

February 25, 1994

Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 1994-01

Dear

Your recent letter to _____, Counsel to the Judicial Investigation Commission, was referred to the Commission for review at its recent meeting. In that correspondence you state that the Bar Association asked for voluntary contributions from local law firms and obtained the funds necessary to purchase two television sets - one for the _____ County Circuit Court and one for the _____ County Circuit Court. These televisions were purchased and given to the Circuit Courts in 1992. You indicated that the Bar Association also utilized funds to purchase an additional VCR for the new judge in the Judicial Circuit.

You stated in your correspondence that at the request of the circuit judges, the Bar Association has been considering the purchase of plain paper facsimile machines for the Court. You asked whether any violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct would occur if the Bar Association contributed funds to purchase office equipment for the Court.

Based upon the information which you have provided in your correspondence, the Commission can find no violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct. It is suggested, however, that the names of contributors to the fundraising efforts not be published or made available to any of the circuit judges.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fred L. Fox, II".

Fred L. Fox, II, Chairman

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