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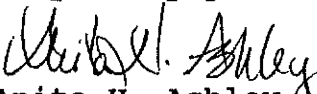
Dear Judge :

Your recent letter to Counsel for the Judicial Investigation Commission was reviewed by the Commission at its recent meeting. In that letter you asked whether your campaign committee could rent office space in a building owned by a partnership, one of whose partners is an attorney who practices before you.

After reviewing your inquiry it is the opinion of the Commission that your campaign committee should not rent office space in a building owned by a partnership one of whose partners is an attorney who practices before you. The language contained in Canon 3E(1) of the Code of Judicial Conduct concerning disqualification in proceedings in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned would become a factor in this situation. Also the language set forth in Canon 4D(1) of the Code of Judicial Conduct which prohibits a judge from engaging in any financial or business dealings that involve the judge in frequent transactions or continuing business relationships with lawyers likely to come before the Court would offer direction in this matter.

It is hoped this opinion addresses the inquiry which you have made. The Chairman of the Commission wishes to note his dissent in this opinion.

Very truly yours,


Anita H. Ashley
Acting Chairperson

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