



JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

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Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 1998-19

Dear

Your recent request for a clarification of a November 16, 1998 Advisory Opinion to you was discussed by the Judicial Investigation Commission at its last meeting. Specifically, you inquired whether or not this opinion with respect to child abuse cases in which your former partner appeared as assistant prosecuting attorney would include court reviews and post dispositional matters. You explained that in many instances cases involving child abuse and neglect extend over a significant period of time until a permanent placement is made and that there are court mandated reviews that are time sensitive.

The Commission is aware of the quarterly status review hearings which are required of circuit judges in such cases. After reviewing its previous advisory opinion and discussing the clarification which you have sought, the Commission feels that you may review these cases which are involved in the quarterly status review procedures and post-dispositional hearings. If you have any further question regarding this matter do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. Bennett".

John W. Bennett, Chairman

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