



JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

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Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 1999-23

Dear

Your recent letter to Counsel asking for an advisory opinion was reviewed by the Judicial Investigation Commission at its meeting. In your letter you asked for an advisory opinion regarding your involvement and/or participation in the Foundation. You stated that the Foundation was established in 1998 and its purpose is to make charitable contributions and to provide a public awareness service. Currently there are two officers in the Foundation and you are removed as the principal in the Foundation. The sole purpose of the Foundation is to make charitable contributions on behalf of and you as well as provide public awareness advertisements. You stated that you have not, and have no intention of personally appearing in any public information advertisements. You also enclosed a sample of the Foundation stationery for the Commission's review. The address and telephone number are that of the By using this address and telephone number the Foundation reduces its operating costs. You asked whether or not the Foundation's address and telephone number creates any problems for you under any judicial canon.

The Commission, after a review of the Code of Judicial Conduct, could not find any Canon that would prohibit the activity which you describe in your letter to the Commission. It is hoped this opinion fully addresses those issues which you have raised. If there is any further question regarding this matter do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John W. Bennett".

John W. Bennett, Chairman

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