



JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

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Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 2002-08

Dear

Your recent request for an advisory opinion has been reviewed by the Judicial Investigation Commission. In your letter you state that you have a substantial number of reusable campaign signs from your last campaign. You asked whether it would be proper for you to sell or give these signs to a person who is a candidate for office in this year's election. You stated that although the signs are vinyl and reusable, they would have to be taken back to the printer to reflect the name, office and other information pertinent to that candidate. You further stated that there would be nothing on the sign to reflect an endorsement on your part.

After reviewing your request, it is the opinion of the Commission that you could sell the signs to the individual. Any gift of the signs may constitute a contribution which would be prohibited by Canon 5A of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

If you have any further question regarding this matter do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald H. Cookman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donald H. Cookman, Chairperson
Judicial Investigation Commission

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