



JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

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Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 2005-14

Dear

In a recent letter to Counsel, you asked for an advisory opinion. You asked whether your acceptance of overnight accommodations and complimentary tickets to a West Virginia University football game would violate any ethical rules. The accommodations and tickets were offered as part of an invitation to speak at a CLE in Morgantown, West Virginia, in September 2005.

To address the question which you have raised, the Commission reviewed relevant portions of Canon 4D. The event to which you are invited and for which you will receive overnight accommodations and complimentary tickets, is a law related function. Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Canon 4D(5)(h), you may accept the overnight accommodations and complimentary tickets. There would be no violation of any ethical rules for doing so.

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 "Fred L. Fox, II".

Fred L. Fox, II, Chairperson
Judicial Investigation Commission

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