



**JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION**

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October 31, 2005

Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 2005-20

Dear

In a recent letter to Counsel you asked for an advisory opinion. In that you stated that October was Domestic Violence Month and the RDVIC (Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center) would like to have a luncheon at the Magistrate Court for the employees of the Magistrate and Family Court. It would be an appreciation luncheon and there would be no presentations made to staff. You asked whether this would be permitted under the Code of Judicial Conduct.

The Commission has reviewed your request at its recent meeting. Given the make up and goals of the RDVIC, it would be the opinion of the Commission that an appearance of impropriety would be created if that group were to have a luncheon at the court for the employees of the Magistrate and Family Court.

It is hoped that this fully addresses the question which you have raised. If there is any further question concerning this matter do not hesitate to contact this office.

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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