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Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 2007-09

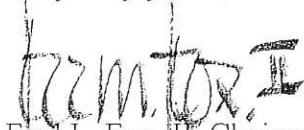
Dear Judge

In a recent letter to the Judicial Investigation Commission you asked for an advisory opinion. You asked whether there would be any impropriety in your Court Bailiff's wife being employed as a secretary in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. You indicated that she had applied for an open secretarial position in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and that you have been informed that they would like to extend an offer of employment to her.

The Commission has reviewed your inquiry and determined that there would be no impropriety in your Court Bailiff's wife working as a secretary in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. However, you should be careful not to discuss any of the cases coming out of that office with your Court Bailiff while she is employed there.

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

Very truly yours,



Fred L. Fox, II, Chairperson
Judicial Investigation Commission