



**JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION**

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September 17, 2009

Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 2009-16

Dear

In a recent letter to the Commission you asked for an advisory opinion. In that correspondence you enclosed a two-page copy of an Administrative Order dated August 26, 2009, and signed by \_\_\_\_\_ of the Supreme Court of West Virginia. The order was styled "TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF THE HONORABLE \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TO ASSIST IN APPOINTING PRIVATE ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW WHO ARE AVAILABLE TO SERVE AS COUNSEL FOR ELIGIBLE CLIENTS." A copy of this order is attached hereto. You asked for an advisory opinion from the Judicial Investigation Commission as to whether any aspect of the above described administrative order constituted a violation of the provisions of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

At its recent meeting your request was reviewed and discussed. After reviewing the administrative order and discussing its contents, the Commission could find no ethical issues which arise from it.

It is hoped that this opinion fully addresses the question which you have raised. If there are any further questions 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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Enclosure