



JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

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October 28, 2011

Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 2011-16

Dear Magistrate

In a letter to the Judicial Investigation Commission you asked for an advisory opinion concerning the employment of your granddaughter. You stated that she was recently hired to work part-time in the office of an attorney. You are concerned that there would be a conflict of interest when the attorney appeared before you.

After reviewing your correspondence the Commission felt that you should disclose the employment relationship any time the attorney appears before you. If no party objected you could continue to preside over the case. If there was an objection to you presiding because of the relationship you could voluntarily recuse yourself and forward the proper paperwork to the Chief Circuit Judge for consideration.

It is hoped that this opinion fully addresses the question which you have raised. If there is 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 "Ronald E. Wilson", written in a cursive style.

Ronald E. Wilson, Chairperson
Judicial Investigation Commission

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