



**JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION**

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February 12, 2016

Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 2016-03.

Dear

Your recent request for an advisory opinion was reviewed by the Judicial Investigation Commission. The factual scenario giving rise to your request is as follows: You are a Magistrate Assistant in \_\_\_\_\_ County. You are also running for Magistrate in the May 2016 Election, and you have a campaign Facebook page. As a Magistrate Assistant, you have been mentioned in some news articles and have been photographed in connection with some cases that have been heard in Kanawha County over the years. You want to know if you can post the articles or photographs on your campaign Facebook page. On or about February 9, 2016, our Counsel sent you a written request seeking more clarification as to the articles and photographs that you wish to place on your campaign Facebook page. You did not reply to her request for additional information.

Since the Commission does not know what the media articles say or what the photographs portray, we decline to give you an opinion. Any determination as to whether the information can appear on your campaign Facebook page would by necessity turn on the specific content of each article and photograph. Since your question as posed is overly broad and vague, we cannot render an opinion.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Commission should you have additional questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald E. Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronald E. Wilson, Chairperson  
Judicial Investigation Commission

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