



JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

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October 24, 2016

Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 2016-22

Dear

Your request for an advisory opinion was reviewed by the Judicial Investigation Commission during its October 21, 2016 meeting. The factual scenario giving rise to your request is as follows: The Magistrate Clerk's husband ran against you and lost in the May 2016 election for magistrate. According to you, he plans on running again for the same position in the 2020 election. You want to know how the Magistrate Clerk can continue to work given her husband's decision to run for magistrate.

After reviewing your request, it is the opinion of the Commission that the question which you have raised does not present an ethical inquiry but a legal one. You should therefore contact the Honorable Judge of the Judicial Circuit for help in determining the answer to your question. Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 50-1-1, et seq., Judge is over the Magistrate Clerk's Office. Please do not hesitate to contact the Commission should you have any further questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald E. Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.

Ronald E. Wilson Chairperson
Judicial Investigation Commission

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