



**JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION**

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August 11, 2021

Re: JIC Advisory Opinion 2021-17.

Dear Judge-Select :

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 have recently been appointed Circuit Court Judge for \_\_\_\_\_ County. For the past seven years, you volunteered your time for a local radio station as a sideline broadcaster of local high school football games. Your job as a broadcaster is not connected to the schools or board of education. The people you work with broadcasting do not hold public jobs and do not appear that they would cause any potential conflicts. You would like to know if you can continue your public service of broadcasting high school football games?

The Commission has reviewed the Code of Judicial Conduct to address the question which you have raised. The Commission is of the opinion that you volunteering as a sideline broadcaster would not violate any rules of the Code of Judicial Conduct governing extrajudicial activities because there does not appear anything that would lead to potential conflicts or an appearance of impropriety.

We hope this opinion fully addresses the issue which you have raised. If there is any further question regarding this matter do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Alan D. Moats".

Alan D. Moats, Chairperson  
Judicial Investigation Commission

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