

## Rules of Procedure of Judicial Inquiry Commission

### Rule 18.

#### Advisory opinions.

A judge may direct to the commission in writing a request for an opinion as to whether certain specified action contemplated or proposed to be taken by the judge may constitute a violation of the Canons of Judicial Ethics, and the commission may, in its discretion, render to the judge in writing such opinion as it may deem appropriate in the premises. Any such opinion rendered by the commission that certain specified conduct by the judge would not constitute a violation of the Canons of Judicial Ethics shall be admissible on behalf of the judge to whom it is directed in any disciplinary proceeding involving the propriety of such conduct by the judge to whom the opinion is directed.

[Former Rule 17 was renumbered as Rule 18 and amended eff. 2-1-2009.]

**Note from the reporter of decisions:** The order amending the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Inquiry Commission, effective February 1, 2009, is published in that volume of *Alabama Reporter* that contains Alabama cases from 996 So.2d.