

## Rules of Procedure of Judicial Inquiry Commission

### Rule 17.

#### Informal communications with judge.

The commission and its individual members shall have no informal communications with a judge pertaining to the complaint, following a decision by the commission not to investigate a complaint, or pertaining to the investigation, following institution of an investigation that does not result in any charge being filed before the Court of the Judiciary, unless such communication and its content are authorized by a majority of the members of the commission present at a duly called meeting of the commission. No member of the commission who is a practicing member of the Alabama State Bar shall be authorized to undertake any informal communications authorized by this rule; however, the commission may authorize a member of the commission who is not a practicing member of the Alabama State Bar to undertake such communications.

[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.