



19 December 2023

The Honorable Roslynn R. Mauskopf, Director
Administrative Office of the United States Courts
One Columbus Circle, NE
Washington, D.C. 20544

Re: Request for Judicial Conference Ethics Advisory Opinions

Dear Judge Mauskopf,

This is a request on behalf of Free Law Project for information regarding the Judicial Conference of the United States. Specifically, to understand the Judicial Conference's interpretation of the ethical codes of conduct that apply to the judiciary, we respectfully request the complete and current list of the Advisory Opinions issued by the Committee on Codes of Conduct.

While a number of the Ethics Advisory Opinions issued by the Committee on Codes of Conduct [have been published](#), there are significant gaps in the record. Among the first twenty opinions, for instance, these gaps include Advisory Opinions numbers 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18. Similar gaps exist throughout the Published Advisory Opinions, which, according to the record online, goes up to 116 Advisory Opinions. We request access to the complete Ethics Advisory Opinions issued by the Committee on Codes of Conduct, with no gaps in Advisory Opinion numbers.

We request that this information be provided in PDF format that is electronically searchable wherever possible. Please process this request within twenty business days following receipt of this letter.

We request a waiver of all fees for this request. We are a nonprofit organization that strives to make the legal ecosystem more equitable and competitive, and we have a proven track record of compiling and disseminating information and reports to the public about government functions and activities, including legal opinions, filings, and other judicial records.

We have undertaken this work in the public interest and not for any private commercial interest. Access to this information is crucial for the Free Law Project and the communities it serves, and this information will enable us to evaluate the policies that undergird the United States judiciary system.

Should our fee waiver be denied and the fees for processing this request exceed \$100.00, please contact us to obtain consent.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Lissner", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Lissner
Executive Director
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