
MEMORANDUM

TO: File
FROM: Victoria Frigo
SUBJECT: INQ 12-189 Citrin
DATE: November 8, 2012

Charles Citrin requested an ethics opinion regarding a City Attorney's proposed outside business relationship with a City Administrator.

The City Attorney is a contract employee with the city. The City Administrator is a city employee. The city operates as a mayor-council form of government. The mayor, as executive of the city, hires both the City Administrator and the City Attorney.

I advised Mr. Citrin that the City Attorney should avoid the business arrangement with the City Administrator so as not to violate Sec. 2-11.1 (l) of the Ethics Code. As has been determined in complaints C 07-04, C 07-12, C 12-36 and C 12-37, the business relationship is likely to create a substantial conflict between the City Attorney's private interests and the public interest.

Mr. Citrin concurred.