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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2006 4:28 PM
To: Ferrao, Derick (PA)
Subject: RE: Legal opinion

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Mr. Ferrao,

Generally speaking, the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance restricts former County employees from lobbying the County for two years from their date of separation. However, in your particular case, appearing before a quasi-judicial board such as the Value Adjustment Board is not defined as lobbying. Therefore, you can present in front of the VAB without violating the ethics ordinance. Please keep in mind that the abovementioned lobbying restriction would apply if you attempt to meet with staff outside of the actual hearings.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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From: Ferrao, Derick (PA)
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 2:18 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Hello Mr. Meyers,

I am seeking an opinion on an issue:

I work at the Property Appraisers office, in the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) section. What I basically do is prepare and defend assessments of commercial properties at the VAB, for the County. I am considering an offer of employment outside the County with a major company (Deloitte). In addition to other duties, the new job would also entail working VAB cases to be presented at the VAB. Although I don't see it being a conflict of interest and am seeking your opinion of what restrictions, if any, I might be bound by should I accept this offer of employment?

Sincerely,
Derick Ferrao
Commercial Real Estate Income Specialist