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To: Ian Martinez

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Mr. Martinez,

As a general proposition, County boards must adhere to the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. However, for the following reasons, there is nothing in this ordinance that prevents you from sitting on the Boundaries Commission and having your firm apply for and/or be selected as County Bond Counsel: 1) The responsibilities of the Boundaries Commission are unrelated to the Bond Counsel function for the County and 2) Any restriction about transacting business with the County that applies to Board members would not create a conflict for you because you do not own a controlling financial interest in your law firm.

If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you,

Robert Meyers
Executive Director

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From: Ian Martinez [mailto:imartinez@rrpelegal.com]

Sent: Friday, November 14, 2003 2:02 PM

To: Meyers, Robert (COE)

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Dear Mr. Meyers:

Pursuant to our conversation, this morning, you asked that I submit the following:

I am an appointee to the Boundaries Commission. My firm, in conjunction with another firm is applying to become designated disclosure Bond Counsel for the County. I am in the litigation department of my law firm and the Bond issue will be handled by the Transactional Department. I have reviewed the Code and there is no conflict, however, I would like an ethical ruling on this question.

As you stated, there was no conflict and if there ever was a Bond question in front of the Commission, (completely unlikely, in my opinion) I would have to disclose the conflict.

Thank, you,

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