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Lynn Dannheisser, Town Attorney for the town of Surfside, requested the following ethics opinion:

BACKGROUND:

Ms. Dannheisser asked about a voting issue related to a town advisory board member who is a vice-president of a bank located in Surfside.

The matter coming before the board involves a bank customer with a modest bank account at the bank employing the advisory board member. Ms. Dannheisser has determined that the advisory board member's compensation is in no way affected by the existence of this particular account or by any other accounts at the bank.

OPINION:

Ms. Dannheisser was advised that the advisory board member did not have a voting conflict related to the bank customer under these circumstances because the advisory board member will not, directly or indirectly, profit or be enhanced by the vote. *See* Sec. 2-11.1 (d) of the County Ethics Code.

Ms. Dannheisser was also advised that board members may not recommend the services of any person or firm, professional or otherwise, to assist in any transaction involving the town or any of its agencies, as per Sec. 2-11.1 (p) of the County Ethics Code.

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