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STATE OF MISSOURI
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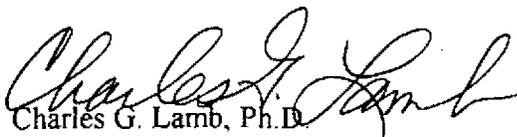
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The Missouri Ethics Commission, at their July 15, 1997 meeting, discussed your request for an opinion. The following is the Commission's response to your question:

Would it be a legal or ethical violation for a law firm, which is registered as a professional corporation in the state of Missouri, to represent a not-for-profit corporation in an appeal of a suspension of a bingo license before the Missouri Gaming Commission, when one of the stockholders of the corporation is a member of the General Assembly and that member of the General Assembly appears on behalf of the law firm before the commission.

The Commission stated that from the facts presented in your letter, it is their opinion that there is no conflict for a member of the general assembly, who is also an attorney, to represent a party in an adversary proceeding before the Missouri Gaming Commission.

Sincerely,


Charles G. Lamb, Ph.D.
Administrative Secretary

NOTICE

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Anyone examining this advisory opinion should be careful to note that an opinion of the Missouri Ethics Commission deals only with the specific request to which the opinion responded and only as to the law as it existed at the date of the response and cannot be relied upon for any other purpose or in any other manner.