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The Missouri Ethics Commission, at their October 7, 1997 meeting, discussed your request for an opinion. The following is the Commission's response to your question:

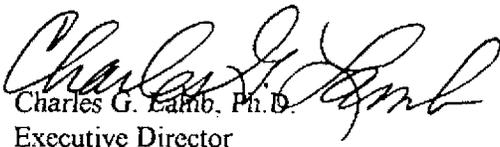
In light of Senate Bill 16, am I required to register as a lobbyist even though I limit my activities to legal representation of clients before administrative agencies?

The Commission stated that in review of the law, there is no exception in the statute that exempts attorneys who act as lobbyists from registering as lobbyists. The Commission further stated that the definition of a lobbyist is contained in section 105.470, RSMo. If you meet that definition, you should register. Further, the Commission stated that practice before the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee is regulated by the statutes contained in Chapter 197, RSMo. You should familiarize yourself with those sections and register as a lobbyist if you meet those requirements.

It is the position of the Missouri Ethics Commission that the public has a right to know those individuals who are seeking to influence legislation or executive decisions. If you try to influence the action of the executive branch of government in the ordinary course of employment on behalf of, or for the benefit of, your employer you should register as a lobbyist.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,


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