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OPINION NO.

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STATE OF MISSOURI

MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION
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At the March 14, 2000 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission, your request for an opinion was discussed. The following is the Commission's response to your question:

While holding the position of mayor, may I also participate in an internet business which forwards earmarked campaign contributions to various political entities?

The Commission stated that from the facts presented, it appears that your participation does not violate the conflict of interest laws contained in Chapter 105, RSMo. However, there appears to be numerous violations contained in the campaign finance laws contained in Chapter 130, RSMo. There also appears to be potential violations of the federal election laws. Please be aware that if you proceed with this endeavor, you may be in violation of these sections.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Lamb, Ph.D.
Executive Director

NOTICE

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.

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