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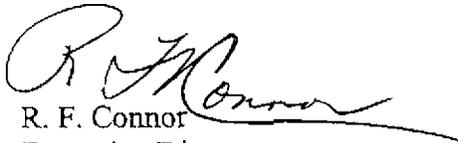
At the August 26, 2004 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission, your request for an opinion was considered. The following is the Commission's response to your question:

Are tickets provided to the Jackson County Sports Authority, by a registered lobbyist, required to be reported as a lobbyist expenditure?

Section 105.473.3(2)(a) states that each lobbyist shall report all expenditures made by the lobbyist for his/her principal on behalf of all public officials, their staff or employees, their staff and dependent children. The phrase "public official" is defined in section 105.470(7) as "any member or member-elect of the general assembly, judge or judicial officer, or any other person holding an elective office of state government or any agency head, department director or division director of state government or any member of any state board or commission..."

The Commission determined that the Jackson County Sports Authority is a political subdivision established by statute and members of this authority do not fall within the definition of the words public official. Therefore, tickets provided by the lobbyist to the Jackson County Sports Authority are not required to be reported on the lobbyist's monthly expenditure report.

Sincerely,


R. F. Connor
Executive Director

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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.