



**OPINION NO.**

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**STATE OF MISSOURI**  
MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION  
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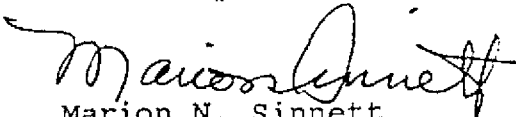
At the June 23, 1994 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission your letter of May 3, 1994 was discussed.

It is extremely difficult to issue an opinion because not all of the facts were presented to the Ethics Commission. Therefore, the Missouri Ethics Commission declines to give a specific answer to your question.

However, the commission has requested that I express to you the commission's concern that there appears to be an appearance of impropriety on your part when you sit on the Board of Trustees of the \_\_\_\_\_ Sewer District and this district is also represented by your law firm. It is very hard to distinguish the difference between the appearance of an impropriety and, in fact, a technical violation in the eyes of the public. The intent of the law is that conflict of interests be avoided and you should be very aware that this may not happen by your being a member of the Board of Trustees of the \_\_\_\_\_ Sewer District.

In light of the commission's concerns, I urge you to reexamine your place as a member of the Board of Trustees of the \_\_\_\_\_ Sewer District.

Sincerely,

  
Marion N. Sinnett  
Administrative Secretary

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