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Case No. 87063.A

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear

In your letter dated July 22, 1987, you informed the Board that you are an associate attorney employed by a local law firm, and that as a result of your responsibilities at the law firm you may be classified as a "lobbyist" for purposes of the Governmental Ethics Ordinance (Chapter 26.2 of the Municipal Code of Chicago). You also informed the Board that as an associate attorney, you did not have access to information regarding the compensation received or expenditures made by the law firm for which you work and as a result of this lack of information, you do not believe that you can accurately complete a Lobbyist Registration Form.

Realizing that your dilemma is shared by hundreds of attorneys who practice in the City of Chicago, the Board of Ethics has determined that associate attorneys are not required to file a Lobbyist Registration Form. Instead, the law firm will be responsible for filing one Registration Form on behalf of all the partners and associates in the firm who engage in lobbying activities. This recently enacted policy was printed in the "Chicago Daily Law Bulletin" in the Legal Notice Section from Monday, August 10, 1987 until Friday August 14, 1987. For your information, a copy of this notice is enclosed.

Thank you for expressing your concerns regarding this matter .

Sincerely,  
*Sol Brandzel*  
Sol Brandzel  
Chairman

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NOTE TO FILE OF CASE OPINIONS ON LOBBYING:

FROM: Ellen M. W. Sewell  
TO: Case Opinions on Lobbying - File  
DATE: January 10, 1994  
RE: "Executive Department"

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In July, 1989 the Board decided that the reference to executive departments in the Ordinance lobbyist registrations requirements refers to all departments in the executive branch -- therefore ignore the list of executive departments in the addenda to a number of cases.

All departments of the executive branch are executive departments.

See case file of 90042.A.

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