

CITY OF STAMFORD
BOARD OF ETHICS
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Advisory #2000-5

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

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RE: Request for Opinion

Dear Mr. Fox:

You have requested that the Board of Ethics issue an advisory opinion as to whether you or your partner may appear before the Board of Representatives in its exercise of appellate authority in decisions of the Zoning Board. In issuing this opinion, this Board relies upon the information contained in your letter of October 24, 2000.

It is this Board's opinion that you and your firm may represent clients before the Stamford Board of Representatives, notwithstanding your prior membership on the Board of Representatives.

This opinion is binding upon the Board of Ethics unless amended or revoked. Reliance upon this opinion in good faith is an absolute defense to any action or proceeding brought under the provisions of the Code of Ethics.

Thank you for taking the time to request an advisory opinion and for your services to the City of Stamford.

Very truly yours,



Howard C. Kaplan
Member, Board of Ethics