

Advisory #2000-4

City of Stamford
Board of Ethics
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November 9, 2000

Attorney [REDACTED]
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RE: Request for Advisory Opinion

Dear Attorney [REDACTED]

You have requested the Board of Ethics (the "Board") issue an advisory opinion addressing whether, in light of your membership on the Board of Assessment Appeals, you or other members of your law-firm may appear before the land use boards of the City of Stamford.


The Board has considered your original written request dated October 3, 2000, and your supplement thereto dated October 5, 2000. In issuing this opinion, the Board relies upon the information contained therein.

It is the Board's opinion that you and your firm may represent clients before the various land use boards of the City of Stamford. However, neither you nor any member of your firm may appear before the Board of Assessment Appeals. Further, the representation provided by you and members of your firm may not relate to Board of Assessment Appeals matters.

This opinion is binding upon the Board unless amended or revoked, and 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 service to the City of Stamford.

Very truly yours,



Amy J. LiVolsi
Chairman, Board of Ethics

cc: Sally Truglia Serafino (redacted copy)
Members of the Board of Ethics (Kaplan, Grove, Summons, Anderson, Levine)