

CITY OF STAMFORD  
BOARD OF ETHICS  
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Dear Mr.

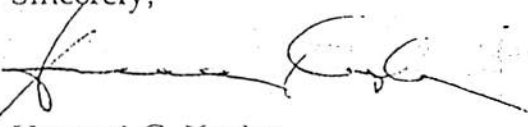
You have requested the Board of Ethics to issue an advisory opinion addressing whether you and your firm may represent entities and individuals making applications to and appearing before land use boards of the City of Stamford. You also asked whether you and members of your firm can interact with City of Stamford staff employees, in addition to appearing before land use boards based upon your membership on the Board of Education.

It is our understanding that neither you nor members of your firm will appear before the Board of Education on any matter and that your representation before land use boards will be on matters unrelated to the Board of Education.

The Board has determined that you may represent clients before land use boards of the City of Stamford, including but not limited to the Environmental Protection Board, Planning Board, Urban Redevelopment Commission, Zoning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals. You may interact with City of Stamford staff employees and/or appear before the Boards above listed based upon our understanding stated above as to a lack of relationship between the pending matter and the Board of Education. In accordance with Section 19-14(C)(1) of Ordinance 706 Supplemental, this opinion is binding upon the Board and yourself unless amended or revoked, and reliance on this opinion in good faith is an absolute defense in any action or proceeding brought under the provision of the Code of Ethics.

The Board thanks you for taking the time and effort to request an advisory opinion in advance of any representation or appearance. This letter is written pursuant to a unanimous decision of Howard C. Kaplan, Lois B. Anderson, Sheldon Levine, and Sara F. Summons.

Sincerely,

  
Howard C. Kaplan  
Member, Stamford Board of Ethics

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cc: Lois Point-Briant (redacted copy)

All members of the Board of Ethics

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