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Re: *Advisory Opinion*

Dear Ms. Williams:

Per our conversation of December 29, 2015, I am writing to request an advisory opinion.

My name is Blake A. Pino, and I was employed at the Parish Attorney's Office in Baton Rouge until recently. I am now with the firm Hannah, Colvin & Pipes, L.L.P. I am writing you today to request an opinion on whether there is any restriction on myself and/or my firm from entering into a contract with the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office. My understanding of the ethics rules/laws state that I can not contract/do work for **my agency** for a period of time after I leave the employ of the Parish Attorney's Office. While I did work on a few projects/cases for the Coroner's Office while employed at the Parish Attorney's Office, I was never employed by the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner, nor was the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office **my agency**. Furthermore, **Agency** is defined in La R.S. 42:1102 as, "a department, office, division, agency, commission, board, committee, or other organizational unit of a governmental entity." I believe it would be correct to state that **my agency** was the Parish Attorney's Office and therefore myself and/or my firm may have some restrictions from entering a contract/doing work for the Parish Attorney's Office, but not the East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office. At your earliest convenience please place my request in line for review and issuance of an opinion.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Hannah, Colvin & Pipes, L.L.P.

Blake A. Pino

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