

Date

Roxane Riche  
150 C. G. Logan Lane  
Evergreen, La. 71333

**Re: Board Docket No. 2016-682**

Dear Ms. Riche:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its August 19, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit your husband Kent Riche, a licensed contractor, from bidding on or entering into a contract with the Town of Evergreen to provide construction services on a water project while you and your daughter-in-law, Sarah Riche, serve as Aldermen for the Town of Evergreen. You provided that the Town has a water improvement project that will be bid on in the fall.

La. R.S. 42:1113A prohibits a public servant, a member of his immediate family or a legal entity in which either owns a controlling interest, from bidding on or entering into a contract, subcontract or transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the public servant's agency.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, under the facts presented, La. R.S. 42:1113A would prohibit your husband, Kent Riche, from bidding on or entering into a contract with the Town of Evergreen while you and your daughter-in-law Sarah Riche serve as Aldermen for the Town. La. R.S. 42:1102(13) defines "immediate family" members of a public servant to mean, the spouses of his children, his brothers and their spouses, his sisters and their spouses, his parents, his spouse, and the parents of his spouse. Therefore, your husband or a legal entity in which he owns a controlling interest, are prohibited from bidding on or entering into a contract with the Town of Evergreen while you or your daughter-in-law serve on the Board of Aldermen for the Town.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or laws other than Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 219-5600 or (800) 842-6630.

Sincerely,  
**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**

Suzanne Quinlan Mooney  
For the Board