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Re: Request for Ethics Advisory Opinion

Dear Sir or Madam:

Further to my recent telephone conversations with Attorney Gregory Thibodeaux, I request an ethics advisory opinion on the following scenario.

I currently am an Assistant Attorney General at the Louisiana Department of Justice. In that capacity, I represent the Office of State Lands (a state agency) in litigation matters.

I am leaving the Department of Justice and returning to private practice with a law firm in New Orleans. Assuming that the State Land Office would like me to continue representing it in the litigation matters that I currently handle, would it be permissible for me to do so as private outside counsel? What about new litigation matters? That is, if the State Land Office becomes involved in litigation after I leave the Department of Justice and wants me to represent it in that new litigation, would it be permissible for me to do so as private outside counsel?

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments or need any additional information. Until June 4, 2021, you may reach me at 225-326-6032 or TrainaR@ag.louisiana.gov. After June 4, you may reach me at 281-782-6472, RLTraina@bellsouth.net, or 440 Southdown Loop, Covington, LA 70433.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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