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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 75- 319

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Re: Governmental Ethics Commission--Opinions, Effect of

Synopsis: The effect of opinions issued by the Governmental Ethics Commission under K.S.A. 1974 Supp. 75-4301 *et seq.* is that set forth at K.S.A. 1974 Supp. 75-4303a.

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Dear Mr. Beall:

I have your letter of August 5, regarding the legal effect of an opinion issued by the State Governmental Ethics Commission under K.S.A. 1974 Supp. 75-4303a, interpreting provisions of the general conflict of interest law found at K.S.A. 1974 Supp. 75-4301 *et seq.*

It has always been the view of this office that the legal effect of opinions issued by the Commission under that act is precisely that stated in the authorizing statutory language:

"Any person who requests and receives such advisory opinion, and who acts in accordance with the provisions thereof, shall be presumed to have complied with the provisions of the general conflict of interest law."

It has never been the position of this office that such opinions should be disregarded either by this office or by local authorities.

Yours very truly,

CURT T. SCHNEIDER
Attorney General

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