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Advisory Opinion from June 15, 2009

The Commission reviewed a request for an opinion relating to the hiring of a certain caterer for a function for a county agency, whereby the caterer used to be a county employee and his wife continues to be county employee.

The Commission determined that there was no conflict of interest, or an appearance of conflict of interest, under §8-11 A (2) to use the caterer for the agency function. The caterer's wife works for another county department, does not have decision making authority over this department or this contract, or any direct relationship that could be a conflict of interest. The caterer himself as a former employee does not possession any type of relationship that would present a conflict of interest.

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