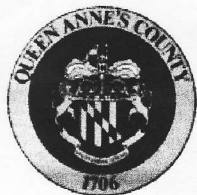


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Advisory Opinion of January 20, 2009

The Commission reviewed a request at their meeting on January 20, 2009. The Commission considered the facts that were provided regarding the relationship of a County Employee in the County Administrator's Office, and providing yoga services paid by the County to the clients of the Department of Aging and would this be a violation of the Queen Anne's County Public Ethics Law.

The Commission determined that this relationship does create an appearance of conflict of interest, in violation of §8-11 (A) 7. The Commission determined that an informed member of the public could reasonably infer that because of her employment in the County Administrator's Office, she received favorable treatment in receiving the contract to the Department of Aging to provide yoga services.

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