



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

ADVISORY OPINION NUMBER 80-3

Application of Section 1-84(d), General Statutes,
to a Member of the Regional Advisory Council
of the Hartford State Technical College

An attorney has been asked to be a member of the Regional Advisory Council of the Hartford State Technical College. He has questioned the State Ethics Commission whether the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Chapter 10, Part I, General Statutes, would affect him or members of his firm should he serve on the Council. His particular concern is the possible impact of section 1-84(d), General Statutes, which concerns appearances before certain State agencies.

The Regional Advisory Council is composed of persons selected from the Hartford area who advise the College on various external and internal matters and endeavor to promote the interests of the College before persons and organizations outside the College. They are appointed to the Council by the College's Dean of Instruction, and are unpaid.

The Code of Ethics for Public Officials applies mainly to State officials and employees, as those categories of persons are defined in subsections 1-79(j) and 1-79(k), General Statutes, respectively. Subsection 1-84(d), above, applies also to employees of such public officials and State employees.

A person appointed to an unpaid position on an advisory group by the Dean of Instruction, Hartford State Technical College, is neither a public official nor a State employee for the purposes of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials. Therefore, none of the Code applies to him including (provided he is not an employee of a public official or State employee) subsection 1-84(d), General Statutes.

By order of the Commission,

Handwritten signature of Thomas J. Lynch in cursive.

Rev. Thomas J. Lynch
Chairman

Dated February 19, 1980