STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

ADVISORY OPINION NUMBER 79-27

Additional State Employment of One Already a State Employee

A drug control agent in the Department of Consumer Protection has served as a part-time lecturer in one of the State's community colleges in the past. He has been invited to sign a contract to continue his lecturing in 1980, teaching a course on alcohol and drug abuse. The drug control agent has asked whether the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Chapter 10, Part I, General Statutes prevents his teaching for compensation at the State institution outside of his normal working hours as an agent.

The Ethics Commission has already determined that a drug control agent may teach a similar course without violating any provision of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials other than, possibly, subsection 1-84(i), General Statutes. Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion 79-26, 41 Conn. L.J. No. 22, p. 11. Subsection 1-84(i), above, forbids a State employee to enter into a contract with the State valued at one hundred dollars or more, unless one of several exceptions applies. One of the exceptions allows a State employee to sign a contract of employment as a State employee.

The contract offered the drug control agent is an ordinary contract for employment. As under a past contract to teach a similar course at the same community college the agent will receive the same type of check issued any other State employee, under the same State employee number he holds as a drug control agent. The contract offered him, then, is one for employment as a State employee.

Since accepting the position as a part-time lecturer at the State institution will not violate subsection 1-84(i) or any other provision of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, the agent may teach at the community college insofar as the Code is concerned.

By order of the Commission,

Rev. Thomas J. Lynch
Chairman

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