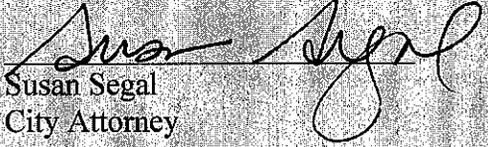




Request for City Council Committee Action from the Office of the City Attorney

Date: December 3, 2010
To: Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Subject: Ethics Officer Report Pursuant to Minneapolis City Ordinance § 15.40(b)(4)
Recommendation: That the Committee receive and file this report.

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Approved by: 
Susan Segal
City Attorney

Presenters in Committee: Gene Ranieri, Intergovernmental Relations Director

Report:

Minneapolis Code of Ethics, Section 15.40(b)(4) requires that the Ethics Officer report to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee the projects, if any, that create a professional conflict of interest for the City's proposed lobbyists. The Ethics Ordinance, § 15.40(b)(4) defines professional conflict of interest as "a situation where the interest of a principal of the lobbyist are or may be adverse to the interests of the city."

The Intergovernmental Relations Department (IGR) has informed the Ethics Officer of the intention to enter into lobbying contracts for the 2011 Minnesota legislative sessions with Doug Franzen, Kathleen Lamb of McGrann, Shea, Carnival, Straughn & Lamb, Chtd., and Kevin Goodno of Fredikson, Bryon, P.A.. Each lobbyist supplied a list of principals for whom the lobbyist's firm was expected to provide lobbying services. For each principal, a list of expected lobbying projects was provided.

Both IGR and the Ethics Officer reviewed the lists of principals and lobbying issues for professional conflict of interest. At this time we found no situations where the interests of the City may be adverse to those of the current principals of the proposed City lobbyists. Each lobbyist entering a contract with the City for lobbying services is required by Code of Ethics, § 15.40(b)(4) to update their list of principals and lobbying issues whenever there is a change. IGR will continue to monitor the potential for conflicts through the length of the lobbyists' contracts.