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September 8, 1973

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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Control and
Expenditures Reporting Act ("the Act")
Your Letter Dated July 19, 1973

Dear Mr. Barba:

Your letter of July 19, 1973, to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply. By previous correspondence, the Commission requested an extension of time within which to reply to August 20, 1973.

1. In the opinion of the Commission, the rendering of personal professional services (other than paid personal services) performed on a voluntary basis as set forth in your letter does not constitute a contribution within the meaning of the Act. A political committee to whom such voluntary legal services are rendered is not required to put a value on those services or to reimburse the lawyer for such services by virtue of the provisions of the Act.
2. Services performed by employed attorneys or by other persons employed by the contributing attorney are paid personal services within the meaning of the Act and must be reported in accordance with the rules for apportionment set forth in Sub-section f of Section 3 of the Act.

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3. The value of the use of special or extraordinary office equipment such as photocopying equipment or computers, is regarded by the Commission as a contribution within the meaning of the Act.

Yours very truly,

New Jersey Election Law
Enforcement Commission

s/ Edward J. Farrell
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Re: New Jersey Campaign Contributions and
Expenditures Reporting Act

Dear Frank:

I would appreciate receiving an advisory opinion with respect to the necessity of a lawyer who volunteers his legal services to a political committee having to put a value on those services and having to be reimbursed for the same by the committee under the above statute. For the purposes of this opinion, I wish it to be assumed that the lawyer contributing the services is not an employee of a law firm but rather is self-employed as an individual practitioner or as a partner in the law firm.

Sincerely,



J. William Barba

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