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September 30, 1980

Elton A. Conda
Public Accountant
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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and
Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83,
Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act")
Your Letter Dated September 18, 1980
Opinion #0-32-80

Dear Mr. Conda:

Your letter dated September 18, 1980, to the New Jersey
Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"),
including a request for an advisory opinion, has been forwarded
to me for reply.

A check drawn on a partnership account will be deemed
to be a contribution of the individual whose signature
appears on the check, unless specific identification as to
the contribution by other partners is contained on the check
or other accompanying written instrument, and the check is
signed by each partner who is a contributor. On the facts
described in Paragraph No. 1 of your letter, the partner who
signed the check made a contribution of \$1,000.00. Accordingly,
\$200.00 of that contribution would be required to be repaid
to that contributor. Assuming that one of the three named
individuals was the partner who signed the check, that
individual could not make an additional contribution to the
candidate. The other two named individuals have contributed
\$500.00 each, and could each contribute an additional amount
of \$300.00 to the candidate without violating the contribution
limits.

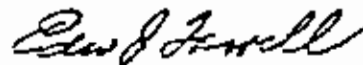
The corporation described in Paragraph No. 2 of your
letter has made a contribution of \$1,000.00; accordingly,
\$200.00 must be returned to the corporation. Elton A. Conda
has made a contribution of \$500.00 and may properly contribute

an additional \$300.00 to the candidate without violating the contribution limits. A corporation wholly owned by one person may make a contribution in a primary election for governor, up to the contribution limit of \$800.00, from funds or things of value of the corporation; such contribution will be deemed to be separate from a contribution from such person out of his own assets (other than assets of such corporation).

In response to paragraph No. 3 of your letter, a professional corporation would be treated as a corporation. Accordingly, the corporation has made a contribution of \$1,000.00, of which \$200.00 must be returned to the corporation. Each of the individuals named who are shareholders in that corporation have made a contribution of \$500.00 individually; each of those individuals may properly make a further contribution to the candidate of \$300.00 without violating the contribution limits of the Act.

The return of monies should be made in each case to the person or entity which is the contributor.

Yours very truly,



Edward J. Farrell
Legal Counsel

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