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Susan Serafin, Office Manager DeCottis & Pinto 401 Hackensack Avenue Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Re: ADVISORY OPINION 2-1988

Dear Ms. Serafin:

Your letter dated January 14, 1988 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission") including a request for advisory opinion has been forwarded to me for reply.

As I understand the letter, your question is whether the law firm of DeCottis & Pinto has a continuing obligation to file as a peripheral continuing political committee. The Commission has recently ruled that an organization of that kind will not incur a filing obligation as a political committee or continuing political committee, solely by virtue of the fact that it makes campaign contributions, regardless of the amount of those contributions. A copy of opinion A.O. 12-1987 to that effect is enclosed.

I am not certain from your letter whether this will resolve all the questions which you have. Please do not hesitate to contact the Commission if you have further questions.

Yours very truly,

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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