

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ETHICAL STANDARDS

RESOLUTION ON ETHICS COUNSEL'S QUESTION 8

ADOPTED May 26, 2009

Question 8 of Ethics Counsel reads as follows:

8. Section 2:1c. applies only to a for-profit enterprise or venture. Is it appropriate for a legislator to use his official title to endorse a non-profit entity and, if so, under what circumstances? This issue often arises in connection with non-profit entities that want a legislator to use his official title in connection with fundraising activities.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Joint Legislative Committee on Ethical Standards:

Whereas, Code 2:1c. which prohibits certain legislative activity with respect to for profit ventures, by implication, allows members of the Legislature to engage in activity with respect to not-for-profit entities; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that members of the Legislature may engage in fund-raising activity or conduct as set forth in Ethics Counsel's Question 8 while members of the boards of directors of such entities, except as otherwise prohibited by the Law or Code.