

Answered by Letter -Mansur
OPINION LETTER NO. 490

September 11, 1970

Honorable Peter H. Rea
Prosecuting Attorney
Taney County Court House
Forsyth, Missouri 65653



Dear Mr. Rea:

In your recent letter you requested an opinion from this office on whether the conflict of interest statutes or other laws would be violated if an attorney with whom you are associated represents private land owners in condemnation suits by the State Highway Department due to the fact you are the prosecuting attorney.

We are enclosing herewith Opinion No. 403, issued on October 9, 1969, in which it is ruled it is improper for a prosecuting attorney to represent land owners in condemnation cases filed by the State Highway Commission.

We are also enclosing Opinion Letter No. 355, issued by this office on August 19, 1969, in which it was held that it is improper for a law firm to render professional services with regard to any matter which any partner, associate or employee could not properly render.

You will notice these opinions are based primarily on the code of ethics of the Missouri Bar.

Very truly yours,

JOHN C. DANFORTH
Attorney General

Enclosures:

Op. No. 403
10-9-69, Lance

Op. Letter No. 355
8-9-69, Salveter