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OPINION LETTER NO. 216

Honorable S. Sue Shear
State Representative, District 76
200 South Brentwood
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Dear Representative Shear:

This letter is in response to your request for an opinion on the following question:

"Pertaining to Statute #221.050--Must men and women be placed in a separate locality? Can it be a separate wing or some other wing within the division?"

Section 221.050, RSMo 1969, provides as follows:

"Persons confined in jails shall be separated and confined according to sex. Persons confined under civil process or for civil causes shall be kept separate from criminals."

We understand your inquiry to be whether separate buildings and related facilities must be established for male and female prisoners. We do not read the above-quoted section to so require. It appears that it would be sufficient under that section if within a jail, male and female prisoners are segregated from one another.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John C. Danforth".

JOHN C. DANFORTH
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