

**[Advisory Opinion 1997-8]**

March 10, 1997

[Name1 withheld], Esq.  
Office of the County Attorney

Dear [Name1 withheld]:

The Ethics Commission considered at its February meeting your request regarding the applicability of Section 19A-16(c) to your situation. The Ethics Commission agrees with your conclusion that Section 19A-16(c) does not apply to the facts presented in your letter.

Specifically, you are dating an individual who has contracts with the County. However, the individual does not have a contract with the Agency with which you are employed, nor does he have contracts over which you have any control. As a result, you have concluded that Section 19A-16(c) does not apply to gifts that you may receive from this person. The Commission agrees.

Thank you for your request. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission.

Sincerely,  
[signed]  
Laurie Horvitz, Chair