

April 23, 2003

Re: 10-03-32

You inquired whether it would raise issues under the Public Ethics Law to hire a part-time employee of the sheriff's office to serve as a liquor board inspector. The answer is that it would be permissible to hire this person as long as the sheriff's office does not have any role in enforcing the liquor laws, or is in any way regulated by the liquor board. §3-105. In previous opinions, the ethics commission has advised that a guard at the detention center (10-99-69), a judge of the Orphan's Court (10-02-43), and a member of the county executive's staff (10-01-39) would be permitted to serve as liquor board inspectors. In none of these cases did it appear that there would be any conflict of interest between the employee's liquor board duties and the employee's secondary employment.

Thank you for your inquiry. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson  
Executive Director