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By Electronic and Interoffice Mail

Re: AO-07-13

You inquired whether there is any ethics issue involved in your participation in the calculation and administration of pension benefits for retiring public safety employees. Your spouse is a public safety employee with the County. The ethics commission advises that your inquiry raises no ethics issues and that your participation in these matters presents no conflict of interest with the interests of you or your spouse. Section 7-5-101(a)(1) would prohibit you from participating in any matter involving your spouse's retirement benefits. Since you have indicated that your spouse will not be retiring for some time, that bridge can wait to be crossed.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission

By: _____
Betsy K. Dawson, Executive Director