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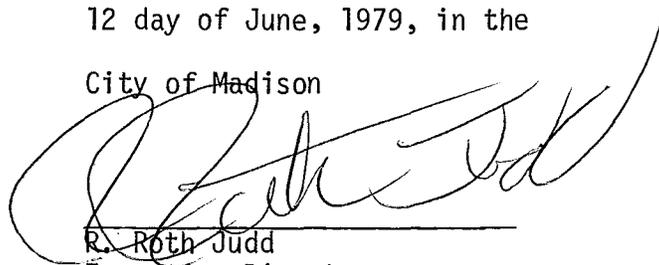
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I, R. Roth Judd, Executive Director of the State of Wisconsin Ethics Board, and legal custodian of the files and records of the Ethics Board, certify that the attached is a copy of the rule which was adopted by the Ethics Board on 6 June 1979.

I further certify that I have compared the copy of the rule with the original and that it is a true and correct copy of said original rule.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand on this  
12 day of June, 1979, in the  
City of Madison



R. Roth Judd  
Executive Director

An order to renumber section 1.02(1) and to create section 1.02(1) of the rules of the State of Wisconsin Ethics Board, relating to the meaning of "anything of value" as used in Subchapter III of Chapter 19 of the Statutes.

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Analysis by the Ethics Board

Anything of value is defined at sec. 19.42(1), Stats., and later appears at secs. 19.42(6) and 19.45(2), (3) and (4), Stats. Specifically excluded from the term is ". . . hospitality extended for a purpose unrelated to state business by a person other than an organization."

In general, these sections provide that a state public official may not use his or her public office to obtain anything of substantial value and may not accept anything of value if it could reasonably be expected to influence the official's judgment. Moreover, a state official must report annually the acceptance of anything of value received as a gift from someone other than a relative if its value exceeds \$100.

This rule identifies the most common situations coming within the hospitality exclusion. Many other circumstances may come within the exclusion (e.g., wedding receptions, theatre parties, hunting trips) but because of their diverse character no general rule can be stated. Written opinions on the term's application to situations not addressed here may be obtained from the Board on request.

The rule also identifies the circumstances under which hospitality is unrelated to state business.

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Pursuant to the authority vested in the State of Wisconsin Ethics Board by section 19.48(1) and Chapter 227, Stats., the Ethics Board orders:

SECTION 1. Section Eth 1.02(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is renumbered Eth 1.02(2).

SECTION 2. Section Eth 1.02(1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is created to read;

Eth 1.02(1) Hospitality.

(a) Defined. "Hospitality" includes but is not limited to meals, beverages and lodging which a host other than an organization offers a guest on premises owned or occupied by the host or his or her immediate family as the host's principal or seasonal residence.