

FY 2023 Formal Advisory Opinions

Date	Source	Case	Case Type	Issue	Opinion/Response
May 31, 2023	23-0119	Official	Conflict of Interest	<p>Whether it is a conflict of interest under the County’s Code of Ethics Post-Employment provision for official to enter into a paid contract with the Owner of Nobody Property to advocate to the Director of the Prince George’s County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Chairman of the Prince George’s County Planning Board on a series of projects associated with a \$35 million allocation as official was leaving office as official’s term ended as a County councilmember on December 5, 2022.</p>	<p>Section 2-293(b)(2)(B) provides “until the conclusion of one calendar year from the date the official leaves County office, a former member of the County Council may not assist or represent another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action.” The official is prohibited from entering a paid contract or receiving compensation to advocate to the Director of the Prince George’s County Department of Parks of Recreation and the Chairman of the Prince George’s County Planning Board on the Artworks Now Project, which is a matter that is the subject of legislative action, until the conclusion of one calendar year from the date he/she left County office. However, official can revisit this issue once official has been out-of-office one calendar year from the date official separated from the County</p>