

ADVISORY OPINION 92 – 10

December 21, 1992

RE: Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion Request

In response to your request dated November 18, 1992, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (the "Commission") issues the following advisory opinion.

You have inquired whether the Executive Branch Code of Ethics applies to property value administrators ("PVAs") and their deputies. KRS 11A.010(9) makes the Code of Ethics applicable to all employees and officers in the executive branch. KRS 132.370 provides separately that PVAs are considered state officials. Thus, by definition, PVAs and their deputies are covered by the Code of Ethics.

You have also inquired as to how the Code of Ethics affects the receipt of honoraria by PVAs in exchange for teaching property tax courses. To answer this question, we turn to KRS 11A.040, which contains the prohibitions. Upon reviewing each of the prohibitions, the Commission finds that none of them bars PVAs from receiving honoraria from state or local governments in exchange for teaching property tax courses.