

EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMISSION
ADVISORY OPINION 94 - 45

September 13, 1994

RE: May employee participate in golf outing?

DECISION: Yes

This opinion is in response to your August 2, 1994, request for an advisory opinion from the Executive Branch Ethics Commission (the "Commission"). This matter was reviewed at the September 13, 1994, meeting of the Commission and the following opinion is issued.

You state the relevant facts as follows. You have received an invitation from Bell South Business Systems to participate in a golf outing valued at \$48.50 per person. You are unsure whether the prizes which are awarded are included in the \$48.50.

As a supervisor in the Property and Facilities Section within the Operation Branch of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, you have no direct dealings with Bell South Business Systems. Your agency has no Bell South phones, although Telecommunications within the Finance and Administration Cabinet does hold price contracts with Bell South.

You are seeking guidance as to whether you may participate in the golf outing if you pay the \$48.50 prior to the event.

The Commission finds no conflict with your participation in a golf outing sponsored by an entity which does no business with and is not regulated by your agency.

However, the Commission cautions you not to accept prizes donated by entities doing business with or regulated by your agency unless the award of such prizes is based solely on your golfing skill.