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Bill:

We have not done any independent research on this question.

I did put this question to an ethics expert, Bruce Breen, a law professor at Fordham Law School, who has advised AG Eric Schneiderman's office on ethics issues.

Bruce told me that this is a practice that occurs in a number of states although it is, by necessity, a question of state law. He told me that the NY AG can take on a special assistant AG who is paid by a third party, so long as the AG gets a waiver (I am not sure from whom) that the no conflict is created. Because the special asst AG will be paid for by NYU School of Law, Bruce did not anticipate any conflict issues.

I will circulate back with Bruce and ask him who provides the waiver under New York law.

David

On Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 2:47 PM, Sherman, Bill (ATG) <BillS5@atg.wa.gov> wrote:

David, we're looking into whether our office might want to hire a fellow. We need to check state ethics rules about whether the AGO can accept this sort of assistance. Has the Center done any research into that issue (in general, of course, not specific to WA law)?

Bill