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OPINION #00-251A

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Dear Mr. McCorquodale:

In Attorney General Opinion 00-251, this office correctly determined that the law does not prohibit one from holding employment¹ with the parish sheriff's office while holding municipal elected office. In the second to last paragraph of Opinion 00-251, the author wrote:

A person is legally permitted to hold a municipal elected office simultaneously with employment in the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office. The municipality is a separate political subdivision from that of the Parish of Calcasieu. Moreover, the municipal position is one of employment, not appointment.

The author of the opinion inadvertently described the position of employment as a "municipal" position where in fact reference should have been made to the "parish" position of employment with the sheriff's office. Attorney General Opinion 00-251 is amended in this regard, in order for the author's statement to be congruent with his legal conclusion.

Should you have other questions in which we may provide assistance, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,

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¹ The employee of the sheriff's office is not a deputy sheriff, who holds appointive office.

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