OPINION 55-116

January 22, 1955 (OPINION)

STATE'S ATTORNEYS

RE: Lobbyists

We have received your request for an opinion in regard to lobbying.

You state that Mr. Brown, a state's attorney, has registered as a lobbyist and you ask whether there is any law which prohibits Mr. Brown from serving in the capacity of state's attorney of his county and as lobbyist for private interests such as the railroads.

We do not think there is necessarily any incompatibility created by one person serving in the two capacities mentioned in your letter.

However, a state's attorney could not lobby for or promote any legislation in direct or indirect conflict with the best interest of his county. Neither could a state's attorney lobby for or promote legislation in conflict with any duty imposed upon him by law.

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