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Mr. David Baker
Village President
Village of Kronenwetter
1582 Kronenwetter Drive
Kronenwetter, WI 54455

VIA E-MAIL

Re: Village President to also serve as interim Village Administrator

Dear Mr. Baker:

Please allow this correspondence to reflect our opinion as to whether the Village of Kronenwetter (the "Village's") Village President may also serve as interim Administrator under Wisconsin law. Please note that this opinion is based solely on the information provided. There has been no independent investigation of any facts. This opinion is to assist the Village in evaluating the compatibility of the Village Administrator position and the Village President position. This correspondence may not be used for the basis of any third-party claim or for any other purpose.

Generally, unless authorized by statute, Wisconsin law prohibits the same person from holding two public offices or an office and position where one post is superior or where public policy would deem it improper. *Otradovec v. City of Green Bay*, 118 Wis. 2d 393, 347 N.W.2d 614 (Ct. App. 1984). Wisconsin Stat. § 61.327 specifically authorized "...a trustee of a village who also serves as a village employee may be paid an hourly wage for serving as a village employee, not exceeding a total of \$15,000 each year." A village president is, by virtue of his or her office, a trustee. Wis. Stat. § 61.24.

Therefore, we conclude that the Village President may serve as the Village Administrator as long as his compensation does not exceed \$15,000.00.

Please let us know if you have any questions or require any clarification on the information provided. Thank you.

Sincerely,

VANDERWAAL LAW, S.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent R. Bonino', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vincent R. Bonino
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