

(C) THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COUNSEL TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

(1) IS SUBJECT TO CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND UNDER § 15-516 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(2) IS INTENDED AS A SERVICE TO THE MEMBERS AND MAY NOT BE DEEMED TO DIMINISH A MEMBER'S PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADHERENCE TO APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES, AND STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT.

(D) THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE OTHER STAFF ASSISTANCE AS REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE AND AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

15-102. Definitions.

(s) "Immediate family" means an individual's spouse and dependent children.

(W) "LEGISLATIVE UNIT" MEANS:

(1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(2) EITHER HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(3) A STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PROVIDED THAT THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OR SENATE SHALL BE DEEMED AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF ANY STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER'S CHAMBER; OR

(4) A COUNTY OR REGIONAL DELEGATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY A PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

15-504. Employment restriction - Representation or assistance.

(a) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph [(2)] (3) of this subsection, an official or employee may not, for contingent compensation, assist or represent a party in any matter before or involving any unit of the State or a political subdivision OF THE STATE.

[(2)](3) Paragraph [(1)] (2) of this subsection does not apply to assistance to or representation of a party:

(i) in a judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding, INCLUDING A PROCEEDING BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, OR A MATTER PRELIMINARY, INCIDENTAL, OR COLLATERAL TO A JUDICIAL OR QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING; or

(ii) in a matter before or involving the Workers' Compensation Commission, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, or the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.