

Honorable T. J. S. Waxter, Director, Department of Public Welfare (cont'd)

To sum up, we feel that the father is primarily liable for support but in his absence the mother is equally chargeable with that duty and may be criminally prosecuted.

We trust that this adequately answers the subject of your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

/s/ THOMAS N. BIDDISON
City Solicitor

/s/ ALEXANDER STARK
Assistant City Solicitor

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Mr. Thomas J. O'Donnell
Director of Public Relations
230 City Hall
Baltimore - 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

We have your letter of March 15, 1951, in which you state that the Airport Advisory Committee on Public Relations, headed by Mr. Richard W. Darrow, and of which you are a member, is desirous of knowing whether it is legally possible for the Airport Board to hire a Public Relations Man as a direct employee of the Airport Board itself rather than as an employee of the Department of Aviation.

Section 139 of the City Charter provides:

"139. Aviation - Director and Employees. The Board shall appoint, without regard to the provisions of the Charter relating to the Classified City Service, a Director who shall have had experience in airport management and shall be a person of high standing in this field; he shall hold office in accordance with the provisions of the Charter relating to the Classified City Service. Subject to the authority of the Board, the Director shall direct the operation of the Department and shall perform such duties as the Board may from time to time prescribe.