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Seeking the advice or opinion of the Attorney General by public institutions and public officers

Your attention is hereby drawn to Chapter XXXIII, Volume I of Establishments Code.

02. It is indicated in sub-section 1:1 of the above Chapter that when the advice or opinion of the Attorney General is sought, the point on which such advice or opinion is sought should be stated precisely and he should be furnished with a full and complete statement of the facts of the case together with reference to the relevant pages of any office file that is forwarded. Further, it is indicated in sub-section 1:2 of the said Chapter that Attorney General should not be asked to advice on hypothetical cases.

03. Even though, the provisions that should be followed when seeking advice or opinion of the Attorney General by a public institution or public officer are stipulated in Chapter XXXIII, it has been informed that the Attorney General has observed that advice and opinion are sought deviating from the said provisions and inquiries are repeatedly made on matters regarding which instructions have already been given.

04. Therefore, it is emphasized that action should strictly be taken in accordance with the provisions stipulated in Chapter XXXIII of the Establishments Code when seeking advice or opinion of the Attorney General.

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