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Political Committees and Political Contributions Chapter 106.011, Florida Statutes

To: Honorable Steve Pajcic, Representative, 22nd District, Suite 450, 333 Laura Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202

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You have asked whether a professional service corporation under Chapter 621, Florida Statutes, is a corporation regulated by Chapter 608 and is therefor exempt from the definition of "political committee" under Section 106.011(2), Florida Statutes.

Section 106.011, Florida Statutes, defines "political committee" and excludes from that broad definition corporations regulated by Florida Statutes Chapters 608, 613, or 617 " their political activities are limited to contribution...form corporate funds and if no contributions are received by such corporation."

A professional service corporation established pursuant to Chapter 621, Florida Statutes, is among the corporations excluded from the definition of "political committee" by virtue of Section 621.13, Florida Statutes, which subject such professional service corporations to Chapter 608 regulation. Such an entity would likely be a "person" for Chapter 106 purposes. <u>Section 106.011(7), Florida Statutes</u>.

Please note that the exclusion of a professional service corporation from the definition of "political committee" is contingent upon the corporation's political activities. Being limited to contributions from corporate funds, and further, that said corporation receive no contribution.