

## Kirk Allen

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**From:** Karle Koritz <KKoritz@dewittcountyill.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 1:49 PM  
**To:** Kirk Allen  
**Subject:** RE: Comment prior to publication  
**Attachments:** 2013\_0514 memo re courtesy.pdf

Mr. Allen,

Mr. Dunn's e-mail was brought to my attention yesterday morning. I found it to be unacceptable and unbecoming of a state's attorney's office. I also found it to be completely out of character for Mr. Dunn and I know this error in judgment will not be repeated. The matter has been addressed internally and the attached letter was distributed to board members yesterday. Thank you sir.

Karle E. Koritz

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**From:** Kirk Allen [<mailto:KAllen@1ststriketech.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 1:03 PM  
**To:** Karle Koritz  
**Subject:** Comment prior to publication

Mr. Koritz,

We are running articles on numerous county government issues and received an email this morning that is reportedly from the your Assistant State's attorney and was sent to all the county board members. (Text found below)

Prior to running our article, which will be either this afternoon or first thing in the morning I wanted to see if you would like to comment on the matter. If I don't hear back from you should I interpret that as a "no Comment"?

Thanks

Kirk Allen

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Subject: Last Night

I would like all of you to know that despite last night's circus my door is still open to all of you. What was handed out last night was something I'd expect from a freshman poli sci major. It was legal Slop. It took me a grand total of about 15 minutes to find the law clearly stating this action is not possible under Illinois law in the way it has been presented. If any of you had come to me and asked about this beforehand I would have been able to give an answer on this issue quickly and save you embarrassment. Most things require several hours, if not days of reading to ensure I have the full picture before I present you with information. This was not one of those instances. Next time a group of you gets together at Hardeez to discuss and rehearse something like this I'd appreciate an invite. I really like the frisco burger. Many of you don't like Karle. I get that. Trouble is, every time something like this happens you wind up pulling him closer. You can deal with him or you can deal with me. I'd prefer it if you left him alone so my almost complete autonomy in these civil matters becomes entire, and I don't even have to bother stopping by his office to let him know what I'm doing on his behalf. Let him go after the felons and delegate the civil matters to me. Life will be easier on all of us. I see the next tactic being cutting funding for his office. Comically, this will only result in him being the person you have to deal with. Don't tease the gorilla in the monkey house. We're all stuck with each other. As far as this "attorney" you have, I hope you have him on a contingent basis and don't have to pay unless he is successful. Anyone that didn't sleep through law school knows that the legislature writes the laws, and the court interprets them. If my job was as easy as getting on the internet and reading some articles on Wikipedia I wouldn't have went through school and passed the bar exam. There are exceptions, exceptions to exceptions, and sometimes exceptions to the exceptions to the exceptions. This is why I don't give answers off the top of my head. As far as the ethical materials passed out, they are

stuffed with nasty little exceptions and interpretations based upon specific instances. In Illinois, attorneys have to pass an ethics test called the MPRE, and most law schools require an ethics class. There is a reason for this. What is written in the rules of professional conduct, as with the state statutes, is only part of the story. This will not be a close case. This is what we call a slam dunk. When your "attorney" shows up to argue this he will feel like a kid in the back seat of a car after prom. It will be awkward for him or her, painful, over quickly, and he/she will not end up getting the result that was hoped for. If you would like to send this "attorney" to me, I'd be happy to give him a class on how to conduct legal research. At only 30 dollars an hour, my offer is a steal compared to what universities charge per credit hour. It includes basic theory, use of Westlaw, ilga.gov, and other services. I don't know if one of you has incriminating material on the others. That is the only way I can comprehend six of you following each other like lemmings. If there are pictures of any of you with strippers or something worse let me know, and we'll discuss your options. If you want to play local government Game of Thrones, that's fine. Just let me help you do it right. We're getting calls from other attorneys laughing about this.