



OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
EXTERNAL OPINION

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To: Arturo L. Hernández González
President, Board of Directors
Servicios Legales de Puerto Rico, Inc.
1859 Ave. Ponce de Leon
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Date: February 23, 2004

Subject: Permissibility of Retroactive Payment of Wages

You have asked for an Opinion from the office regarding the permissibility of

using either LSC or non-LSC funds to provide certain PRLS employees with retroactive payment for wages during a period in which the employees were laid off.

Brief Answer

PRLS may not use LSC-funds to provide a retroactive payment of wages to employees during a period in which the employees were laid off and not working at PRLS. There are no applicable LSC laws or regulations which govern the use of non-LSC funds for such a purpose. As such, this Office offers no opinion on the use of non-LSC funds for the proposed purposes; the permissibility of such a use of PRLS' non-LSC


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