

Answer by letter - Hoecker

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OPINION LETTER NO. 204

Mr. George W. Flexsenhar, Director
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Dear Mr. Flexsenhar:

This letter is in response to your request for an opinion. On September 20, 1962, official opinion No. 218 was written holding that the Frederick Chusid & Company was required to be licensed by the Division of Industrial Inspection because such company was engaged in representing employers in obtaining employees as well as representing employees securing employment for which services the company charged a fee.

You state that such company is now engaged only in offering professional career counseling service.

A professional career counseling firm offers services designed to assist the client in analyzing his strengths and his goals with respect to his career and to relate these to the realistic needs of the business world. This generally involves psychological testing and evaluation. If these are the only services offered to the public the firm or corporation need not obtain an employment agency license. However, as pointed out in official opinion No. 218, 1962, whenever a firm or corporation in this state offers the services of an employment office or agency for hire in addition to the psychological testing and evaluation it must first obtain a license pursuant to Section 289.010, RSMo.

A firm or corporation may provide psychological career counseling in Missouri without obtaining a license under Section 289.010, RSMo. However, the services must be offered to the

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public as such. The firm or corporation may not engage in the practice of representing that it will provide the services of an employment agency or that it will assist the person in obtaining employment in any manner without first obtaining a license.

Yours very truly,

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