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August 19, 1959

To: John Shea, Director of Probation and Parole

Re: Office Equipment

I have your request for an opinion concerning the meaning of Section 35, Chapter 387, Public Laws of 1957, which provides for the transfer of records and property to the probation and parole board.

The language in query is: "each county shall transfer all books, papers, records and property connected with the functions. . ."

Question:

Does this include office equipment purchased by the county of Androscoggin?

Answer:

No. Applying the rule of construction known as eiusdem generis, the general word "property" is limited in its meaning to those of the same class enumerated and would not include office equipment.

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