

Kusper Crony Draws Big Fee from Vote Board

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William R. Ming, convicted tax evader and law associate of Stanley T. Kusper Jr., has collected more than \$74,000 as special attorney for Kusper's Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

The controversial Kusper has been able to keep Ming on voucher payments from the board while the board has failed for three years to fill a budgeted vacancy for a full-time attorney at \$15,600 a year. That is less than half the \$32,320.83 the city has paid Ming so far in 1972.

Kusper Moonlights

Since Kusper was elevated to board chairman from the job of board attorney in 1969, he has stalled in naming Howard Miller, his former assistant, as the board attorney. Miller has been on an "acting" basis for three years at \$16,380 a year, and an assistant at \$15,600 a year has not been hired.

Kusper himself has earned at least \$25,000 in private legal fees since becoming board chairman, with a single fee of \$15,000 being paid to him thru Ming's law office, McCoy, Ming & Black.

Kusper has been sharply critical of Tribune reporter William Mullen who worked undercover as a \$20-a-day-clerk for the board. He charged

that Mullen violated the Illinois election law, which, he said, forbids board employes from holding other income jobs while working for the board.

Questioned about his own outside income to supplement his \$28,800-a-year salary, Kusper admitted he personally interceded with state legislators

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