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The Honorable Charles W. Darter  
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Letter Advisory No. 120

Re: Whether a county  
hospital may hire a husband  
and wife as joint super-  
intendents.

Dear Mr. Darter:

You have requested our opinion regarding whether a county hospital board may hire a husband and wife as joint superintendents of a county hospital.

Article 4480, V.T.C.S., provides in part:

The board of managers . . . shall appoint  
a superintendent of the hospital . . . .

Article 4485, V.T.C.S., provides in part:

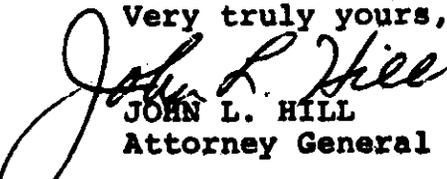
The superintendent shall be the chief  
executive officer of the hospital . . . .

Article 4485 provides further for various duties of a superintendent. All references to the superintendent are in the singular, and since there can be only one chief executive of a hospital, in our opinion the Board is not authorized to appoint joint superintendents. See Attorney General Opinions V-610 (1948); V-505 (1948).

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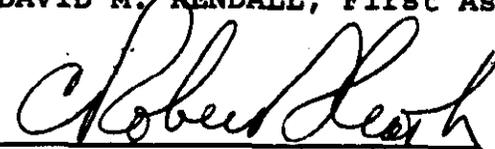
A county hospital board may not appoint joint superintendents of a county hospital; the law provides for only one superintendent.

Very truly yours,

  
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