



THE ADVISOR

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

January 2017

Needed! Public Members Willing to Serve!

The Select Committee on Legislative Ethics is still seeking applicants to fill one public member vacancy and one alternate member vacancy. If you know anyone who might be willing to contribute their time and expertise, please encourage them to apply. For the current vacancy, applicants can be of any party affiliation, be willing to file a financial statement with APOC, and must be able to attend committee meetings several time a year. A public member may not currently be a legislative employee. While a public member, they may not serve in governor appointed position or on a board that requires confirmation by the legislature. Click on this [link](#) to access more information or contact Jerry Anderson at 269-0150 for more information.

NEW ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBER!

A warm welcome to Joyce Anderson who has been appointed to serve on the ethics committee (subject to confirmation). Joyce served as administrator to the committee for 13 years, retiring from that position in 2014.

ANNUAL DISCLOSURES ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 16, 2017!

- Membership on a Board
- Close Economic Association
- State Benefit and Loan Program (See Appendix C in the Standards of Conduct Handbook)
- State Contracts and Leases \$5,000 or more

Committee Members

Senator John Coghill
Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Chris Tuck
Representative David Eastman
H. Conner Thomas, Chair
Gary Turner
Dennis "Skip" Cook
Joyce M. Anderson (pending confirmation)

Jerry Anderson, Administrator
Janice Stewart, Admin. Assist.
269-0150



Got an ethics issue you need to resolve?

Better Call Jerry!

269-0150
Or
201-0125

QUESTION OF THE DAY

Q: I'm on layoff status during the interim. If I get placed on a board or begin a close economic association during the layoff, when do I need to file?

A: Disclosures should be filed within 30 days of your returning start date as an initial disclosure.

ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE?

If you have not yet completed ethics training, please contact our office immediately !

907-269-0150



LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!

The legislative ethics office is located in Anchorage in the Signature Building at
745 W. 4th Ave., Suite 415

PLEASE NOTE: We have a new mailing address!

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, PO Box 90251, Anchorage, AK 99509-0251

Don't Forget The Two Gift Rules!

RULE #1: May not solicit, accept or receive a gift of \$250 or more from the same person in a calendar year.

RULE #2: May not solicit, accept or receive a gift from a lobbyist.

EXCEPTIONS

- Hospitality at a residence within the State or at a social event or meal (No Disclosure)
- Discounts generally available to the public or benefits the state (No Disclosure)
- Culturally shared food (No Disclosure)
- Travel and Hospitality primarily for the purpose of obtaining information on matter of legislative concern (Disclosure Required—60 days)
- Gifts from an immediate family member – Wide Definition (No Disclosure)
- Gifts not associated with the recipient's legislative status (Confidential Disclosure—30 days)
- Welcome to Juneau gifts or discounts during session (No Disclosure)
- Legal Services for Legislative Matter (Disclosure Required—30 days)
- Gift of transportation from a legislator or a legislative employee to a legislator or legislative employee (No Disclosure)
- Charitable contribution or ticket (sanctioned) (Disclosure Required—60 days)

EXCEPTIONS

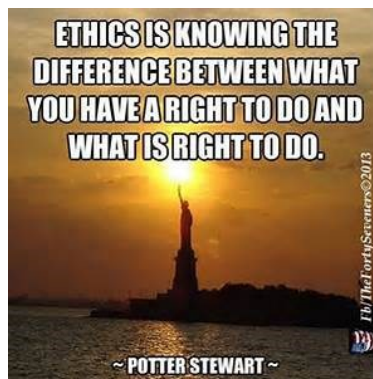
- Food and drink (for immediate consumption) (No Disclosure)
- Contribution to a charity event, tickets to a charitable event and ticket event related gift (less than \$250 from the same lobbyist in a calendar year) (No Disclosure)
- Gift unconnected with legislative status and is from immediate family member (Lobbyist Spouse, No Disclosure)
- Gift delivered on premises of a state facility and accepted on behalf of a recognized nonpolitical charitable organization (No Disclosure)
- A compassionate gift (Disclosure Required—30 days)



THANK YOU!

Jerry and Janice would like to thank all of the wonderful staff who supported our efforts during ethics training. We could not have managed the many training sessions without you!

***Skiff Lobaugh and the Personnel staff
Juneau LIO IT and Media Services
Chief Clerk's Office
Grace Ellsworth and Pages
Print Shop staff
Mail Room staff
Senate Records
And Many Other Legislative Employees***



To All Ethics Training Participants

Thank you for your feedback regarding this year's ethics training. Your comments will help us to improve the training process.

DISCLAIMER

Information in this newsletter is given as a general overview. Your circumstances may require more specific information and advice. Please contact the ethics office if you have any questions as to whether your intended action is in compliance with the Ethics Act AS 24.60.