

OHIO CAMPAIGN FINANCE HANDBOOK

CHAPTER 15: OTHER RESOURCES

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Campaign finance is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State's office, the 88 county boards of elections and the Ohio Elections Commission. Questions often arise that appear related to campaign finance but are actually under the jurisdiction of other agencies.

The following is a list of other agencies and organizations that may be helpful resources:

Board of Commissioners on Grievance and Discipline, Rule 4

This body is an arm of the Ohio Supreme Court and interprets and administers Rule 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct concerning rules for judges and judicial candidates.

Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline
65 S. Front St., 5th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431
(614) 387-9370
www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/Boards/BOC/default.aspx

Federal Election Commission (FEC)

Federal campaign finance law is under the jurisdiction of this body. The campaign finance information on Ohio's Congressional delegation is available at the FEC's Web site in a searchable database.

Federal Elections Commission
999 E. St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20463
(800) 424-9530
www.fec.gov

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Questions regarding investment or interest income, Form 1120 POL, section 527 filing requirements, federal tax identification numbers, whether particular contributions are tax deductible or whether political activity will affect a group's nonprofit status, should be directed to the IRS.

Internal Revenue Service
(800) 829-1040
www.irs.gov

Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (JLEC)

All legislative agents and executive agency lobbyists and their respective employers must file with JLEC, which is charged with the administration and enforcement of Ohio's lobbying laws. Information regarding lobbyists, including a complete list of registered legislative agents and executive agency lobbyists, is available from JLEC.

Joint Legislative Ethics Committee
50 W. Broad St., Ste. 1308
Columbus, OH 43215-5908
(614) 728-5100
www.jlec-olig.state.oh.us

Legislative Service Commission

The Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC) was created to provide technical, research, and fiscal services to members of the Ohio General Assembly. Bill documents, budget documents and status reports on pending legislation are several of the resources available at LSC's Web site.

www.lsc.state.oh.us

Ohio Ethics Commission (OEC)

This commission reviews ethical issues in regard to elected officials, candidates for elected office and other public persons and has jurisdiction over honoraria. The Ohio Ethics Commission works with public officials, candidates and employees at the state and local levels of government, while the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee works with members and employees of, and candidates for, the general assembly, and employees of the Legislative Service Commission. The Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline (see above) handles ethical questions for judges and judicial candidates. The personal financial disclosure statements of public officials and candidates are on file at the appropriate agency.

Ohio Ethics Commission
8 E. Long St., 10th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-2940
(614) 466-7090
www.ethics.ohio.gov

Ohio Municipal League (OML)

The OML was organized by city and village officials who saw the need for a statewide association to serve the interests of Ohio municipal government. Any city or village may become a member. Among the various resources the OML provides is a list of all Ohio municipalities having a charter in place as well as a list of statutory cities.

Ohio Municipal League
175 S. Third St., Suite 510
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 221-4349
www.omunileague.org