

Advisory Opinions Listed by Subject - *Updated 4/5/2023*

Advisory Opinion	Subject	Topic
84-02	Advisory Opinion Parameters: Campaigning	<i>(Note: For reasons made clear in this letter, the committee declined to issue an advisory opinion in this case.) Purpose of the advisory opinion; jurisdiction of the committee in matters involving campaign contributions.</i>
84-04	Advisory Opinion Parameters: Campaigning	Use of legislative stationary for campaign purposes; binding effect of one legislator's advisory opinion on the conduct of another; binding effect of the opinions of one session's ethics committee on the opinions of a sub-sequent session's ethics committee.
13-02	Board Membership	Defining "board of an organization," "board membership," and "organization."
94-05	Campaign Contribution Acceptance	Acceptance of campaign contributions during a legislative session.
84-05	Campaigning During Session	Appropriateness of legislative campaign fund-raising activities during session.
85-03	Campaigning During Session	Appropriateness of legislative campaign fund-raising activities during session.
86-04	Campaigning During Session	Whether the requestor may sell tickets, before the end of session, to a fund raiser organized by a regional political group to be held in Juneau the first evening after the end of the legislative session without violating the legislative ethics statutes.
94-04	Campaigning During Session	May a legislator who is a candidate for statewide elective office engage in fundraising activities for that office during the legislative session?
94-05	Campaigning During Session	Acceptance of campaign contributions during a legislative session.
07-06	Campaigning During Session	May a legislator or legislative employee host or co-host a legislative candidate fundraiser during session or endorse a legislative candidate if the endorsement is connected to a campaign fundraiser?

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88-08	Campaigning During Session	Whether a non-incumbent candidate for the legislature can hold a fundraiser in Juneau during the session and whether a legislator can offer assistance at the fundraiser.
96-01	Campaigning/ Fundraising During Session	Political contributions from the proceeds of bingo games. (Affected by the 1996 campaign finance reforms)
96-03	Charitable Organizations/ Fundraising and Private Benefit	Discounts from businesses
96-04	Charitable Organizations/ Fundraising and Private Benefit	May legislative employees engage in fund-raising activities for the expenses of hosting a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures?
14-01	Close Economic Association – Cell Phone Plan	Does a close economic association exist when a legislative employee and legislator share a cell phone plan?
94-01	Close Economic Association – House Sitting/Use of Car	Does a house-sitting arrangement and the loan of a car result in a gift or a close economic association under the Legislative Code of Ethics?
87-03	Close Economic Association – Housing	Whether sharing a dwelling and associated expenses during session creates a close economic association.
09-05	Close Economic Association – Independent Contractor/ Consultant	Parameters determining when the formation of a close economic association begins in relation to contractual services.
86-02	Close Economic Association – Investment Brokerage Firm	Whether the requestor has a duty to discover the names of other individuals who might be covered under AS 24.60.070 and who own stocks, bonds, or limited partnership shares purchased on the open market through an investment brokerage firm.
87-02	Close Economic Association – Investment Securities	Whether a legislator who is also the registered agent of a financial planning firm must disclose a close economic association with another legislator or with a legislative employee to whom the legislator sells investment securities on behalf of the firm.

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95-03	Close Economic Association – Joint Ownership	Concerning the joint purchase of exercise equipment and the establishment of an exercise room in the capitol. A portion of this opinion addresses whether the joint ownership of exercise equipment constitutes a close economic association.
86-01	Close Economic Association – Limited Partnership	Whether the requestor has a financial interest as an investor in a limited partnership which must be reported under AS 24.60.070; and whether the requestor has a continuing obligation to discover other persons listed in AS 24.60.070 among the limited partners, having recognized the name of a public official on an investor list.
94-14	Close Economic Association – Lobbyist	Does sale of lodging and charter fishing to a lobbyist create a close economic association?
85-05	Close Economic Association – Lobbyist/Public Official	What constitutes a "close economic association" with a registered lobbyist or a public official in another branch.
87-01	Close Economic Association – Lobbyist;	Whether a legislative employee whose spouse has a business relationship with a registered lobbyist must disclose a close economic association with that lobbyist; and whether a conflict of interest could arise if an employee worked on a bill that was co-sponsored by the employee's legislator, if that bill was being lobbied for by a lobbyist who had a business relationship with the employee's spouse.
08-04	Close Economic Association – Lodging	Whether a close economic association exists when a legislator or legislative employee provides a few days of free lodging at their residence to another legislator or legislative employee.
09-02	Close Economic Association – Medical Services	Whether a close economic association disclosure by a licensed medical professional violates the 1996 HIPPA confidentiality requirements.
03-01	Close Economic Association – Property of Spouse	Whether a close economic association exists if a legislator's spouse rents apartments owned by the spouse to a legislator during session.

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92-04	Close Economic Association – Real Estate Broker	Advisory Opinion request concerning close economic associations.
93-02	Close Economic Association – Real Estate Broker	Advisory Opinion request concerning whether a real estate agent representing a seller has a close economic association with a buyer.
94-13	Conflict of Interest – Campaign Activities	Wearing campaign buttons while performing legislative duties.
12-03	Conflict of Interest – Campaign Activities- Pre-election Pledges	Pre-election pledges accompanied by an endorsement or a quid pro quo exchange for a campaign contribution.
88-04	Conflict of Interest – Capital Budget	Whether a legislative employee may participate in the development of a capital budget appropriation that may affect the value of property owned by the employee.
85-01	Conflict of Interest – Charitable Activities	Sale of tickets out of a legislator's office for a game of chance operated by a non-profit organization.
94-06	Conflict of Interest – Charitable Activities	Sale of various items and solicitations for donations on behalf of charitable organizations.
04-01	Conflict of Interest – Constituent Information	Use of constituent information gathered by a legislator.
98-02	Conflict of Interest – Constitutional Amendment Process	To what extent may legislators and legislative employees become involved in constitutional amendment activities?
06-03	Conflict of Interest – Disclosures	Disclosure requirements apply for each day a legislator is in office and each day a legislative employee is employed by the legislative branch.
87-07	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Whether a legislator may be employed as a certified teacher by a political subdivision of the state.
88-02	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Whether a legislator may use in legislative activities expertise gained in private employment; and whether interim employment creates a conflict of interest.

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88-06	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Whether a legislator or former legislator may become financially affiliated with an entity that secures state-funded work.
89-05	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Acceptance of offer of employment to try to influence administrative action on regulations.
90-02	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Propriety of legislator soliciting employment as university instructor
92-02	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Whether a legislator may stand for election to and, if elected, serve on the board of directors of a cooperative electrical association.
94-02	Conflict of Interest – Employment	May a legislator write a letter of recommendation at the request of a lobbyist seeking a legislative lobbying contract with a political subdivision?
04-02	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Financial interest in legislation and conflict of interest issues at both the committee level and on the floor.
07-01	Conflict of Interest – Employment	May a legislator sponsor a bill and/or take or withhold official action on certain legislation when the legislation could indirectly confer a substantial financial benefit to the company who provides the majority of income received by the legislator?
08-01	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Does a private sector job in a natural resources industry present a conflict of interest and prevent voting on legislation or taking other action where the interests of the industry or employer are concerned?
08-02	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Does negotiating for employment and carrying out job duties with a growth company focusing on development present a conflict of interest?
11-05	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Does employment with a private sector company pose a conflict of interest if the job duties include communicating with the legislators’ constituents, voting on matters the company supports or opposes and testifying before the U. S. Congress?

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88-07	Conflict of Interest – Employment	Whether a legislator may serve as an officer in the campaign of another candidate.
88-10	Conflict of Interest – Employment as Lobbyist	Whether a legislator not seeking reelection can, during his final interim, apply for and accept a lobbying position for a municipal entity.
13-01	Conflict of Interest – Employment/ Legislative, Administrative or Political Action	Private sector jobs/self employment/stock ownership and a conflict of interest that would prevent voting on legislation or taking other action where the interests of the industry or employer are concerned
94-06	Conflict of Interest – Fundraising and Private Benefit	Sale of various items and solicitations for donations on behalf of charitable organizations.
18-02	Conflict of Interest – Fundraising/ Campaign Activities	Attendance and sponsorship of state election campaign fundraisers before and during the legislative session after a state-funded relocation to Juneau.
94-08	Conflict of Interest – Government Time	Restrictions on activities of legislative employees on government time
94-13	Conflict of Interest – Government Time	Wearing campaign buttons while performing legislative duties.
19-02	Conflict of Interest – HB 44-Financial Interests	<p>Declaring conflicts of interest, taking official action or exerting official influence, and discussing or advocating for a bill when the bill will harm the financial interests of a legislator or the legislator’s immediate family under AS 24.60.030(e) [under 2018 Legislation HB 44].</p> <p><i>Word of Caution [adopted on August 14, 2019]: SB 89 became law on May 25, 2019, significantly changing AS 24.60 (Legislative Ethics Act), specifically AS 24.60.030 (Prohibited Conduct and Conflicts of Interest). Based on these changes, the advice in this formal Advisory Opinion may no longer be applicable or appropriate. Caution is required in using this opinion in similar situations.</i></p>

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19-04	Conflict of Interest – HB 44-Private Meeting with Employer	Private or public meetings when a legislator is employed part time or periodically with employer under AS 24.60.030(e) [under 2018 Legislation HB 44]. <i>Word of Caution [adopted on August 14, 2019]: SB 89 became law on May 25, 2019, significantly changing AS 24.60 (Legislative Ethics Act), specifically AS 24.60.030 (Prohibited Conduct and Conflicts of Interest). Based on these changes, the advice in this formal Advisory Opinion may no longer be applicable or appropriate. Caution is required in using this opinion in similar situations.</i>
19-05	Conflict of Interest – HB 76-Official Action	Taking take official action or exerting official influence, including sponsoring legislation, regarding HB 76 or a similar measure relating to state building codes when a legislator or legislator’s spouse is a mortgage loan originator [under 2018 Legislation HB 44]. <i>Word of Caution [adopted on August 14, 2019]: SB 89 became law on May 25, 2019, significantly changing AS 24.60 (Legislative Ethics Act), specifically AS 24.60.030 (Prohibited Conduct and Conflicts of Interest). Based on these changes, the advice in this formal Advisory Opinion may no longer be applicable or appropriate. Caution is required in using this opinion in similar situations.</i>
17-05	Conflict of Interest – Initiative Activities by Legislative Employees	Restrictions on legislators and legislative employees concerning initiative activities.
97-02	Conflict of Interest – Initiative Process	Restrictions on legislator and legislative employees concerning ballot initiative activities.
02-01	Conflict of Interest – Initiative Process	Having an initiative petition available for signature in a legislator’s office.
22-01	Conflict of Interest – Involvement in Constitutional Convention process	Addresses hypothetical questions about the limitations the Act places on legislators and legislative staff with respect to the constitutional convention process
85-04	Conflict of Interest – Legislation	Conflict of interest where a legislator introduces a bill which benefits a client of the legislator's private business.

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87-01	Conflict of Interest – Legislation	Whether a legislative employee whose spouse has a business relationship with a registered lobbyist must disclose a close economic association with that lobbyist; and whether a conflict of interest could arise if an employee worked on a bill that was co-sponsored by the employee's legislator, if that bill was being lobbied for by a lobbyist who had a business relationship with the employee's spouse.
04-02	Conflict of Interest – Legislation	Financial interest in legislation and conflict of interest issues at both the committee level and on the floor.
11-01	Conflict of Interest – Legislation & Board Membership	May a legislator lobby other legislators for funds to build a state building when the legislator is on the board of directors of a corporation who could receive substantial benefits from the proposal?
05-01	Conflict of Interest – Legislative Contacts with Administrative Decision Maker	Legislative contacts with administrative decisions makers; i.e., hearing officer, individual, or board or commission.
07-01	Conflict of Interest – Legislative, Administrative or Political Action	May a legislator sponsor a bill and/or take or withhold official action on certain legislation when the legislation could indirectly confer a substantial financial benefit to the company who provides the majority of income received by the legislator?
11-05	Conflict of Interest – Legislative, Administrative or Political Action	Does employment with a private sector company pose a conflict of interest if the job duties include communicating with the legislators' constituents, voting on matters the company supports or opposes and testifying before the U. S. Congress?

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18-05	Conflict of Interest – Legislative, Administrative or Political Action	Taking official action or exerting official influence when a legislator has a situation under AS 24.60.030(e) [2018 Legislation HB 44] <i>Word of Caution [adopted on August 14, 2019]: SB 89 became law on May 25, 2019, significantly changing AS 24.60 (Legislative Ethics Act), specifically AS 24.60.030 (Prohibited Conduct and Conflicts of Interest). Based on these changes, the advice in this formal Advisory Opinion may no longer be applicable or appropriate. Caution is required in using this opinion in similar situations.</i>
19-01	Conflict of Interest – Legislative, Administrative or Political Action-HB 44 Bill Action	Declaring conflicts of interest, taking official action, or exerting official influence under AS 24.60.030(e) [under 2018 Legislation HB 44]. <i>Word of Caution [adopted on August 14, 2019]: SB 89 became law on May 25, 2019, significantly changing AS 24.60 (Legislative Ethics Act), specifically AS 24.60.030 (Prohibited Conduct and Conflicts of Interest). Based on these changes, the advice in this formal Advisory Opinion may no longer be applicable or appropriate. Caution is required in using this opinion in similar situations.</i>
18-04	Conflict of Interest – Legislative, Administrative or Political Action- Legislative Citations	Would a legislator's reservation or submission of a Legislative Citation in memoriam or in honorarium of a person who is not the legislator's constituent raise an issue under the Legislative Ethics Act (the Act)?
94-02	Conflict of Interest – Lobbyist	May a legislator write a letter of recommendation at the request of a lobbyist seeking a legislative lobbying contract with a political subdivision?
85-06	Conflict of Interest – Local Government	Conflict of interest where a legislator takes political action outside the legislative arena.
01-01	Conflict of Interest – Local Government	Limitations on the use of staff and public resources with respect to the issue of Eagle River detaching from the Municipality of Anchorage
99-04	Conflict of Interest – Mass Emailing	Use of e-mail on state provided Internet access and computer equipment for communicating with constituents.

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98-03	Conflict of Interest – Mass Mailing	May the leadership of the Legislature use state funds to print or distribute a mailing describing the accomplishments of the Legislature with the period beginning 90 days before the primary election and ending with the general election?
15-03	Conflict of Interest – Mass Mailing Email to Persons Outside District	Is it permissible for a member of the legislature to use legislative resources to send legislative newsletters and other legislative communications by e-mail to a recipient that is identifiable only by e-mail and not by geographic location with respect to the boundaries of the legislator's election district?
11-01	Conflict of Interest – Participation in State Contracts and Leases	May a legislator act on behalf of a private organization in lease negotiations with the State?
18-01	Conflict of Interest – Social Media Ads	Use of legislative money to communicate with constituents by purchasing ads delivered by facebook.com to all users of facebook.com believed to reside within zip code areas or GPS point areas in the legislator's election district, when either delivery method will unavoidably result in some ad deliveries outside of the election district.
17-04	Conflict of Interest – Sponsorship of a Radio Program	Whether a legislator use money from the legislator's office allowance account, administered as an accountable plan, to pay for underwriting a public radio program that would be accompanied by the broadcast of an announcement similar to "this program is brought to you by Representative/Senator X, representing the communities of Y and Z?
99-04	Conflict of Interest – State and Local Issues	Use of e-mail on state provided Internet access and computer equipment for communicating with constituents.
06-01	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources	"De minimis" use of the Capitol mailroom by legislative staff for personal mail.

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11-02	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources and Private Benefit	Parameters for thanking non-profits and for-profit entities in a legislative communication.
11-03	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources and Private Benefit	To what extent may legislator and legislative employees become involved in ballot initiative activities?
13-04	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources to Assist Charitable Organization	May a legislative office assist a charitable organization, associated with a State agency and housed in the State agency, with the logistics of securing charitable items (i.e., lap top computers) and other activities connected to readying the items for use.
11-02	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Business Endorsement	Parameters for thanking non-profits and for-profit entities in a legislative communication.
18-03	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Campaign Period	Restrictions on a legislator's use of the legislative print shop, and state funds to print materials, during the period leading up to a primary election, if the legislator is an independent candidate and therefore participating only in the general election.
07-07	Conflict of Interest - Use of State Resources- Campaigning	May a legislator use the legislative phone number on campaign material and handout legislative business cards while campaigning?
86-07	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources- Campaigning	May a legislative employee above a Range 18 participate in statewide and legislative campaigns by 1) placing calls from a legislative office relating to campaign work meetings; 2) handing out campaign brochures on lunch break; and 3) copying materials that may be possibly relevant to a candidate on the office copier, during work hours.
07-05	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources- Campaigning	Does the Legislative Ethics Act permit a member of the legislature to use a Legislative Affairs Agency Blackberry (portable wireless communication device) for political fund raising or campaigning if the member reimburses some or all of the cost?

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10-01	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources- Campaigning (rescinded 06-14-10)	State paid travel and collateral campaign activities while on the trip. <i>Opinion rescinded June 14, 2010. Refer to August 19, 2008 letter to APOC for guidance.</i>
12-04	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources- Campaigning- Electronic Link	Use of a legislative address or electronic link to an Internet website created and maintained with legislative resources on a political election communication.
12-02	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Charitable Contributions	Use of state resources for soliciting charitable contributions
07-04	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources- Constituent Service (superseded by 08-03)	Parameters and guidelines when responding to constituent service issues. <i>(Advisory Opinion 08-03 supersedes and is contrary to 07-04)</i>
08-03	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources- Constituent Services (supersedes AO 07-04)	Parameters and guidelines when responding to constituent service issues. <i>(Advisory Opinion 08-03 supersedes and is contrary to 07-04)</i>
07-02	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Legislative Letterhead	Limits on the use of legislative letterhead.
11-03	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Medicare Providers	To what extent may legislator and legislative employees become involved in ballot initiative activities?

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13-03	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Newsletter Distribution	Using the U. S. Postal Service Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) services for delivery of legislators' newsletters.
15-01	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Statewide Database and Statewide Communications	Use of state resources to maintain a statewide database to communicate electronically with persons who do not reside in a legislator's district.
86-03	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Use of LIO	Whether the requestor may hold a constituent meeting in a legislative information office using campaign funds to pay for the costs of mailing and advertising and may use legislative staff in planning the meeting.
19-03	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Use of Newsletter to Promote Attendance at Candidate Forum	Including information about a candidate forum in a legislator's regularly scheduled legislative newsletter.
95-03	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Use of the Capitol	Concerning the joint purchase of exercise equipment and the establishment of an exercise room in the capitol. A portion of this opinion addresses whether the joint ownership of exercise equipment constitutes a close economic association.
09-03	Conflict of Interest – Use of State Resources-Use of the Capitol	Personal use exemption applies to use of a public facility operated by the Legislature.
84-01	Conflict of Interest – Voting	Conflict of interest where a legislator votes on appropriations for a corporation of which the legislator is a director and the legislator's spouse is an employee.

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85-02	Conflict of Interest – Voting	Conflict of interest where a legislator votes on appropriations for a state agency of which the legislator’s spouse is an employee.
99-04	Conflict of Interest – Website Link	Link legislator’s website to majority or minority website.
99-01	Definition Employee – Contractual Services	Do those who provide contractual services to the Legislature fall within the definition of legislative employee?
99-03	Definition Employee – Volunteers	Are volunteer members of a legislative advisory council covered by the Ethics Act?
87-04	Definition Employee; Close Economic Association	Whether a legislative employee who is covered by the provisions of AS 24.60.040, relating to state contracts and leases, is covered by those provisions during the interim when the employee has been laid off and is receiving no salary.
6/7/96	Employee Lay-Off Status	Are legislative employees who select lay-off status subject to the Ethics Act during the period of lay-off?
96-06	Ethics Committee Contracts	Whether the prohibitions of AS 24.60.134 apply to every employee in a professional limited liability company which has a personal services contract with the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
94-10	Ethics Committee Public Member – Campaign/Candidate Restrictions	May a public member of the Ethics Committee run for a non-partisan office or participate in a non-partisan campaign?
95-02	Ethics Committee Public Member – State Contracts	May a person serve as a public member of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics when the law firm in which the person's spouse is a shareholder has entered into a subcontract with another law firm to perform work on a contract that the second law firm holds with the State of Alaska?

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3/22/96	Finding – Campaigning During Session-Federal Election Campaign Law	Legislators who are candidates for federal office accepting campaign contributions.
6/7/96	Finding – Definition Employee Lay-Off Status	Are legislative employees who select lay-off status subject to the Ethics Act during the period of lay-off?
96-04	Fundraising/ Campaigning	May legislative employees engage in fund-raising activities for the expenses of hosting a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures?
97-02	Fundraising/ Campaigning	Restrictions on legislator and legislative employees concerning ballot initiative activities.
01-01	Fundraising/ Campaigning	May a legislator use public resources for fundraising relating to a local boundary change effort for or against a proposed change?
11-04	Gifts – Charitable Organizations/ Fundraising and Private Benefit	Participating in charity events; tickets to and gifts received at the event.
11-04	Gifts – Charity Event	Participating in charity events; tickets to and gifts received at the event.
19-06	Gifts – Compassionate	Clarifies who may request a compassionate gift, who may receive a compassionate gift, and what information is required when requesting a compassionate gift exemption.
90-01	Gifts – Complimentary Newspaper	Acceptance by legislator during session of complimentary newspaper subscriptions.
94-09	Gifts – Continuing Education Credits (superseded by 09-04)	May a person covered by the legislative ethics code apply for and receive continuing education credits for conferences for which the legislature or another entity paid the travel, board and lodging, and registration costs? (Advisory Opinion 09-04 supersedes and is contrary to 94-09)

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93-08	Gifts – Dating Relationship	Acceptance of gifts under AS 24.60.080(c)(6) from an individual, including a lobbyist, with a significant interest in legislative matters.
88-03	Gifts – Discount	Whether legislators may accept certain gifts.
97-01	Gifts – Discount	May a legislator-elect accept a gift of value exceeding \$100?
95-03	Gifts – Exercise Equipment	Concerning the joint purchase of exercise equipment and the establishment of an exercise room in the capitol. A portion of this opinion addresses whether the joint ownership of exercise equipment constitutes a close economic association.
00-01	Gifts – Family Member	Gift, during session, from a family member who is a lobbyist.
88-05	Gifts – Flags	Whether a legislator may accept gifts of an Alaskan flag and a United States flag for display in a committee room.
17-01	Gifts – Gift of Interim Office Space	Does the Legislative Ethics Act (the Act) permit a legislator to accept a donation of space in a shopping mall for use as a legislative office during the interim between legislative sessions?
93-04	Gifts – Golf Tournament Fees	Whether a person subject to the legislative ethics code may allow another person to pay the legislative person's golfing greens fees or the entry fees and other expenses of participation in a golf tournament.
95-01	Gifts - Honoraria	May a legislator or legislative employee accept a gift from a group to which he or she gave a speech?
99-02	Gifts – Hospitality at Residence	Staying in another person's home while on per diem.
93-05	Gifts – Hospitality at Social Event	Does a gift of meals, hotel accommodations, and mementos constitute a gift of hospitality at a social event under AS 24.60.080(c)(2)?
94-03	Gifts – Intern Program	Participation by a legislative office in the Job Training Partnership Act program.

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98-01	Gifts – Legal Services	What restrictions exist on a legislator’s participating as an individual plaintiff in litigation brought by Legislative Council?
23-01	Gifts – Legal Services	Questions regarding the exception for gifts of legal services in a matter of legislative concern. Topics include clarifying who is covered under the immediate family exception; the purchase of future legal services; whether a gift of legal services may be related to both a legislator's legislative status and offered for a matter that is not a legislative concern; whether the capacity in which a legislator is sued determines whether a gift related to the matter is connected to the legislator's legislative status; whether a matter may be a matter of legislative concern despite a decision by Legislative Council not to intervene in the matter; addresses the responsibilities and role of the houses of the legislature to judge the election and qualification of their members; and whether the outcome of a specific matter determines whether a matter is of legislative concern.
03-02	Gifts – Loans	Whether loans by a legislator to a legislative employee or prospective legislative employee for travel to Juneau and initial living expenses constitute an allowed gift.
07-03	Gifts - Lobbyist	May a legislator or legislative employee accept from a lobbyist a gift from a family member for hospitality or travel?
93-08	Gifts – Lobbyist	Acceptance of gifts under AS 24.60.080(c)(6) from an individual, including a lobbyist, with a significant interest in legislative matters.
99-02	Gifts – Lobbyist	Accepting a gift of hospitality from a lobbyist during session.
00-01	Gifts – Lobbyist	Gift, during session, from a family member who is a lobbyist.
02-02	Gifts – Lobbyist-Related	Gifts of hospitality from a lobbyist during session; and gifts of hospitality to a social event or meal

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92-03	Gifts – Nonprofit Organization	Whether legislative employees may solicit contributions for a nonpartisan, national conference to be held in Alaska when the contributions will be deposited with the Legislative Affairs Agency and the amount raised is subject to legislative appropriation.
96-04	Gifts – Nonprofit Organization	May legislative employees engage in fund-raising activities for the expenses of hosting a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures?
89-03	Gifts – Not Connected to Legislative Status	Propriety of accepting gift for service to corporation.
09-04	Gifts – Private Benefit Continuing Education Credits	Receipt of continuing education credits.
88-09	Gifts – Professional Organization	Whether a covered legislative employee can accept an offer from a corporation, business or lobbyist to host an event on behalf of the employee's professional organization, and whether it is ethical to request help from outside the legislature in hosting events for the meeting.
93-03	Gifts – Raffle	Receipt of a prize in a raffle.
92-01	Gifts – Rebate	Acceptance by legislative employees covered by the ethics code of rebate for travel to Juneau on the ferry.
93-09	Gifts – Speaking Engagement	Acceptance of overnight lodging and travel when invited to speak before a group.
89-01	Gifts – Travel/Hospitality	Disclosure of travel and hospitality gifts from entities other than individuals.
89-04	Gifts – Travel/Hospitality	Disclosure of travel and hospitality paid for by the executive branch of the state government.
89-06	Gifts – Travel/Hospitality	Acceptance and disclosure of reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending state party convention as delegate.
93-06	Gifts – Travel/Hospitality	Whether you may accept, from an organization sponsoring a convention, an offer to attend the convention without paying the registration fee.

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96-05	Gifts – Travel/Hospitality for Legislative and Personal Business	Whether a legislator may accept payment for the costs of a trip on which the legislator conducted both legislative business and personal business.
96-03	Gifts	Discounts from businesses
96-03	Government Time	May legislative employees engage in fundraising activities for the expenses of hosting an NCSL meeting?
97-02	Government Time	Restrictions on legislator and legislative employees concerning ballot initiative activities.
87-05	Honoraria – Speech	Whether a legislator may accept an honorarium for making a speech.
95-01	Honoraria – Speech	May a legislator or legislative employee accept a gift from a group to which he or she gave a speech?
94-02	Legislative, Administrative or Political Action	May a legislator write a letter of recommendation at the request of a lobbyist seeking a legislative lobbying contract with a political subdivision?
96-02	Nepotism – Legislative Intern	Are legislative interns subject to the nepotism law?
05-02	Not Issued	
06-02	Not Issued	
09-01	Not Issued	
12-01	Not Issued	
04-03	Open Meetings	Bill reintroduced under “bills previously heard or scheduled” in second year of legislative session.
84-03	Refer to Advisory Opinion 84-02	<i>This file number was assigned to a request that was made by one covered person about the conduct of another covered person. Pursuant to the committee's opinion in AO-84-2, this request was returned to the person who had submitted it.</i>
86-06	Representation before State Agency	Whether a legislator who represents a corporation, a recipient of grant money from the state, in a dispute with the state over use of that money is in violation of the legislative ethics code (AS 24.60).

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88-01	Representation before State Agency	Whether a legislator must disclose the names of legal clients.
89-02	Representation before State Agency	Reporting representation by other attorneys in law firm.
94-07	State Benefit/Loan Programs	Must participation in the Violent Crimes Compensation Commission Program be published in the journals?
84-06	State Contracts/Leases /Grants	Legislator's financial interest in a business which is a party to a state contract.
86-05	State Contracts/Leases /Grants	Whether a legislative employee may sign a housing assistance contract with ASHA to allow his tenant to participate in the housing assistance program.
87-04	State Contracts/Leases /Grants	Whether a legislative employee who is covered by the provisions of AS 24.60.040, relating to state contracts and leases, is covered by those provisions during the interim when the employee has been laid off and is receiving no salary.
87-06	State Contracts/Leases /Grants	Whether the spouse of a legislative employee is prohibited from having an interest in a state lease.
91-01	State Contracts/Leases /Grants	Whether a person covered by the ethics code may apply for a grant from the state that requires discretion in its award.
93-01	State Contracts/Leases /Grants	Participation in state contracts by an immediate family member of a legislative employee.
93-07	State Contracts/Leases /Grants	Does receipt of a contract funded by a state grant program constitute participating in a state contract?
97-02	Use of State Resources and Private Benefit	To what extent may legislator and legislative employees become involved in ballot initiative activities?
98-01	Use of State Resources and Private Benefit	What restrictions exist on a legislator's participating as an individual plaintiff in litigation brought by Legislative Council?

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01-01	Use of State Resources and Private Benefit	Use of public resources to further the discussion relating to a local boundary change and to advocate for a position or proposed change.
02-01	Use of State Resources and Private Benefit	Initiative petition available for signature in legislator's office.
04-01	Use of State Resources and Private Benefit	Constituent information gathered by a candidate used by the legislator after being elected; constituent information gathered by a legislator used by that legislator as a candidate.
15-02	Use of State Resources and Private Benefit – Lunch and Learn Sessions	Do lunch and learn sessions in legislative facilities provide a private benefit to an event presenter or meal provider?
17-02	Use of State Resources and Private Benefit – Social Media Ads	Does the Legislative Ethics Act (the Act) allow a legislator or legislative caucus to spend or authorize spending legislative money, including legislative office account funds and legislative caucus funds, to pay for (1) distributing legislative information statewide or outside of the election districts of the legislator(s) involved; or (2) advertising the position of a legislator or a legislative caucus on a policy issue, statewide or outside of the election districts of the legislator(s) involved?

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17-03	Use of State Resources and Private Benefit – Social Media Ads	Whether a legislator spend or authorize the spending of non-state money or state money to buy a sponsored Facebook ad for an official legislative web page; and, if so, may the ad target persons who are not the legislator's constituents
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