

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS
Alaska State Legislature

THE ADVISOR

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Committee Members: Chair H. Conner Thomas, Senator Kim Elton, Senator Ben Stevens, Representative Mary Kapsner, Representative Norman Rokeberg, Dennis “Skip” Cook, Ann Rabinowitz, Marianne Stillner and Herman G. Walker Jr.

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APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

All members serve a two-year term. Public members Skip Cook, Marianne Stillner and Herman Walker Jr terms expire in 2005. In early December, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Alexander Bryner, renominated all three for another term. The Senate and House Judiciary Committees will hold confirmation hearings in 2005. The appointments must be ratified by two-thirds of the full membership of both houses. A joint session is not required.

All legislative members terms expire on the first day of the 2005 legislative session. Senate President Ben Stevens and House Speaker John Harris along with Senate Minority Leader Johnny Ellis and House Minority Leader Ethan Berkowitz each appoint a legislator for the 2005-06 term. The four legislators appointments must ratified by a roll call vote of two-thirds of the full membership of each respective body. A joint session is not required.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: “To inspire public trust and integrity we cannot rely alone on formal laws, codes, and institutional reforms – that is, institutional integrity... We need also to reinvoké personal integrity, trust, and other ethical values.”

Rosamund Margaret Thomas, “Public Trust, Integrity, and Privatization,” [Public Integrity](#), Summer 2001



First of all,

Have a wonderful HOLIDAY SEASON!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

2005 ETHICS TRAINING

WHEN: Thursday, January 6, 2005

TIME: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: Terry Miller Building, Gym

The revised Standards of Conduct Handbook with updated sections reflecting legislative changes will be distributed. A straightforward training handout (with pictures) will also be available and referenced during training.

If you have any ethical questions that you wish to have addressed, please give me a call at 269-0150 or send an email.

We encourage both new and returning employees to attend.

Remember, in the case of ethics, what you don't know can hurt you!

I look forward to seeing you on the 6th. If you are unable to attend this training because you are in transition to Juneau, please contact the Ethics Office. If there is enough interest, another one may be scheduled.

<p style="text-align:center"><u>REMINDER</u> <u>DISCLOSURES DUE DURING THE INTERIM</u></p>
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The following disclosures are always due **within 30 days of receipt** of the gift.

- **Gift of Travel/Hospitality for Legislative Matters – AS 24.60.080(c)(4)**
Have you taken a trip for legislative matters which were paid with funds other than legislative funds? Example: If a trip was partially paid for with legislative funds and the remainder paid with funds from outside of the legislative arena, then a disclosure would be required for the amount paid for with other than legislative funds.
- **Gift Received by Family Member Because of Legislative Connection – AS 24.60.080(i)**
Did an immediate family member receive a gift worth \$250 or more because of your legislative connection? Example: You are a legislator and your spouse accompanied you on a legislative trip and the trip was paid for by the same organization/person that paid the your expenses.
- **Gift of Legal Services Related to Legislative Matters – AS 24.60.080(c)(8)**
Did you receive a gift of legal services worth \$250 or more?
- **Gift from another Government – AS 24.60.080(f)**
Have you received a gift or gifts from another government or official totaling \$250 or more? If so, the gift(s) must be delivered to Legislative Council within 60 days.

Disclosure forms are located in the 2004 Standards of Conduct Handbook as well as on the ethics website (<http://ethics.legis.state.ak.us>). Please give the Ethics Office a call if you have any questions about what to disclose.

FYI: If you worked on a legislator's or legislative staff persons campaign as a paid campaign worker, you will need to complete a "Close Economic Association" disclosure. The disclosure is due by March 15, 2005. However, you may file the disclosure at any time prior to March 15. Give me a call if you have any questions about whether you need to file.

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