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27th Legislative Session!

Welcome new legislators and new employees to the first year of the 27th Legislative Session; and welcome back all returning legislators and employees!

As you embark on this 90 day journey, remember to make time for Ethics Training. Below are some reminders:

- 1** Ethics training is mandatory this year for all legislators, legislative staff, and non-political support staff. AS 24.60.150 (a)(4) and AS 24.60.155
- 2** Ethics training is required at the beginning of each legislative session regardless if you have completed training in-person or online in 2010.
- 3** You are required to attend only one of the sessions.
- 4** All salaried employees are required to attend and comply with disclosure requirements. However, hourly employees, (such as tour guides, teleconference moderators, casual laborers, and supply movers) are exempt.

If you have any question on training, please do not hesitate to contact us!



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2011 Legislative Ethics Training Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WHO: Returning Legislators
WHEN: TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 9:00AM-10:30AM OR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 9:00AM-10:30AM
WHERE: State Capitol Butrovich/Fahrenkamp Room

WHO: Returning Staff working for the House and Senate
WHEN: THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1:30PM-3:30PM OR FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 9:00AM-11:00AM
WHERE: Terry Miller Bldg Gym

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MAKE-UP TRAINING

WHO: Staff who have previously completed in-person or on-line training and were unable to attend training sessions in Juneau.
WHEN: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 11:00AM-2:00PM OR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 11:00AM-2:00PM
WHERE: Hosting Site: Anchorage LIO, Room 210 (teleconferenced throughout the state)

NOTE: New legislative staff who have not completed training must complete the class covering all aspects of the Legislative Ethics Act. Please call or e-mail Linda Leigh with your name and for whom you work.

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credits



We have received approval for accreditation of continuing legal education credits with the Alaska Bar Association. If you are a member of the Alaska Bar Association and would like to receive a certificate of completion, please let us know at training or send an e-mail to Linda_Leigh@legis.state.ak.us, and she will send you a certificate.

Quote of the Month

“There is no simple universal formula for solving ethical problems. We have to choose from our codes of conduct whichever rules are appropriate to the case in hand; the outcome of those choices make us who we are.”

Sir Adrian Cadbury~

LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Legislative internship programs, (other than those sponsored by UAA*), must be approved by the Ethics office, pursuant to AS 24.60.080(h) and the committee's Rules of Procedure, Section 2(f), Internship Program Approval.

Below is a list of LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIPS that HAVE BEEN APPROVED:

First Alaskans Institute
 JobXperience Internship
 McCombs School of Business
 Mercer University
 DePaul University
 Tlingit/Haida Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (TVR) Program
 IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Alaska Close Up Program
 MASST (Mature Alaskans Seeking Skills Training) Intern Program

*A legislative internship program through the University of Alaska is established by the legislative council under AS 24.20.060(8).

Political Party Fundraising Events During Session

Both political parties typically hold fundraising events during session. Example: A political party is holding a social event at which they sell tickets to, and at which they auction off items that have been donated. The proceeds from the auction benefit the political party as a political contribution.

Legislators & legislative employees are permitted to:

- ❖ Attend these events during a legislative session (*even those held in the capital city*)
- ❖ Buy a personal ticket for the political party event
- ❖ Personally bid on auction items

Legislative employees are permitted to:

- ❖ Donate auction items to political party events at any time

Legislators are prohibited from:

- ❖ Donating auction items to political party events during a legislative session
- ❖ Soliciting bids for auctions items prior to the event or at the event during a legislative session

EXPLANATION: Auction items may not be donated by legislators as donated items to a political party are considered contributions under AS 15.13.400(4), i.e., goods. Anonymous contributions are not permitted. Auction items must list the name of the donor. Legislators are prohibited from soliciting or accepting a contribution or a promise or pledge to make a contribution for a political party on a day when either house of the legislature is in regular or special session under AS 24.60.031(b)(1) (D). ■

Announcement:
**There will be an Ethics Committee
 meeting on
 Wednesday, January 19, 2011,
 at 12:30 pm
 State Capitol,
 Butrovich Conference Room
 (Agenda posted on Ethics website)**