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Numerous calls have been received asking for clarification on

Campaigning, Fundraising, and Partisan Political Activities which are occurring during the last couple weeks of session

AS 24.60.031

During a legislative session, **legislators** and **legislative staff may**

- attend a candidate or political party event (i.e., fundraiser or political party district convention)
- personally contribute to a candidate or political party;
 - * includes buying a ticket to the event and bidding on auction items.

However, **legislators** and **legislative staff may not** solicit or accept contributions for a fundraising event during session for a campaign for state or municipal office. Soliciting includes, but is not limited to: Asking for contributions for the fundrais-

ing event; including your name on the fundraising notice; donating items to an auction.

During the legislative session, **legislators** are also prohibited from soliciting or accepting a contribution or a promise or pledge to make a contribution for:

- Legislator's own campaign;
- Candidate for federal office;
- Influencing a state ballot proposition or question; or
- Political party.



Soliciting includes asking for contributions at the fundraising event.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Government is a trust, and the officers of government are the trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.”

Henry Clay, 1829

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DISCLOSURES

Gift of Travel/Hospitality for Legislative Matters AS 24.60.080 (c)(4)


Reminder: If you have taken a trip for a legislative matter that was paid for with other than legislative funds, you must disclose the gift within 30 days **starting from the first day of travel.**

This includes travel paid for by: Alaska state departments, non-profit organizations, federal agencies, and private organizations/agencies, to name a few. Additionally, the waiver of a registration fee by the agency/organization is considered a gift and must be disclosed if \$250 or more in value.



OTHER DISCLOSURES

The following disclosures are always due within 30 days from the beginning date of the association:

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 - Gift of legal services related to legislative matters
 - Gift not connected legislative status over \$250 (confidential disclosure)
- Gift received by family member because of legislative connection

over \$250

- Membership on a board of directors
- Participation in certain state benefit and loan programs
- State contracts, leases, grants over \$5000 annual value
- Close economic associations with lobbyist spouse or lobbyist domestic partner
- Close economic associations with a legislator, legislative employee, lobbyist, or public official required to file a Financial Disclosure with APOC
- Representation before a state agency

Please call the Ethics office if you have questions.



Filing online is easy.

Go to:

http://ethics.lgis.state.ak.us/ethics_disclosures.php

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credits



Legislative Employees: The Alaska Bar Association has approved 2010 Legislative Ethics Training for Continuing Legal Education ethics credits. This includes in-person training, teleconference training as well as online training.



If you are a member of the Alaska Bar Association, please send an Email to: Linda_Leigh@legis.state.ak.us and a Certificate of Attendance will be issued.

(Note for Legislators: No formal ethics training was offered in 2010. If you did not receive your 2009 Certificate of Attendance for CLE credit, please contact Linda Leigh.)

<http://ethics.legis.state.ak.us>

Shopping-Cart Virtue

According to a story in the book “Hugs for Dad” by John William Smith, a father asked his son after grocery shopping to return their cart to the retrieval area. Although it would have taken only a minute, the son protested.

“C’mon, Dad,” he said, “there are carts all over the lot. None of those people returned theirs. No one expects them to.”

Then Mom chimed in. “For heaven’s sake, they pay people to collect the carts. Returning one more won’t change the history of the world. Let’s just go.”

Dad was about to surrender when he saw an elderly couple walking together to return their cart. After a moment, he said to his wife and son, “We’re not responsible for what other people do, but we are responsible for what we do. There are two kinds of people: those who put their carts away and those who don’t. We put our carts away because that’s the kind of people we are.”

This story isn’t just about grocery carts. It’s about putting principles above convenience and doing the right thing in a world that seems to promote rationalizations and excuses that demean or trivialize simple acts of virtue. There are two kinds of people: those who find the strength to do what they ought to and those who find excuses not to.

People of character do the right thing even if no one else does, not because they think it will change the world but because they refuse to be changed by the world.

Taken from Michael Josephson’s “Character Counts!”, Josephson Institute