



# Nevada Commission on Ethics

## Ethics Link NV Newsletter

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Welcome to the Nevada Commission on Ethics Education Newsletter. As a public servant, you are legally required to comply with the NRS 281A Ethics in Government Laws. This listserv will help ensure you are connected to educational resources to learn how to maintain your compliance and update you about recently published opinions on Ethics Complaints and Advisory Opinions.

## 4 Steps to Ethics Compliance

**Step 1:** Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [X \(twitter\)](#), share one our recent posts, and invite your team to do the same.

**Step 2:** Visit our website [www.ethics.nv.gov/](http://www.ethics.nv.gov/) to peruse [educational resources](#) and [prior opinions](#) relevant to your role in government service.

**Step 3:** Visit our [Training Hub](#) to explore which training opportunities work best for you and your agency.

**Step 4:** Watch this [10-minute video](#) to learn how to file an ethics complaint.

## Quick Links

[File a Complaint](#) [Request an Advisory Opinion](#) [File an Acknowledgment Form](#)

[Request Live Training](#) [Register for Online Training](#) [See the New Ethics Manual](#)

## Recent Commission Opinions

### Improper Benefits:

Catherine Hall, a former Chair of the Mineral County Commission, failed to comply with ethics statutes by making alcohol and food purchases for her private businesses using a County-issued credit card. Hall has paid back the purchases, agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine to the Commission, and take Ethics Law training if she returns to public service.

*[In re Hall, Comm'n Op. Nos. 23-120C, 23-121C, 23-128C, 23-129C \(2024\).](#)*

John Bartlett, a former Compliance Investigator for the Nevada State Contractors Board, used confidential information and knowledge obtained through public service to benefit his private interests after joining a private sector company similar to those he regulated. Bartlett has agreed to pay a \$1,500 fine for the misuse of non-public information and agreed to take Ethics Law training if he returns to public service.

*[In re Bartlett, Comm'n Op. No 23-015C \(2024\).](#)*

James Seebock, a retired Assistant Sheriff and City Council candidate, is authorized to use photos of himself in uniform taken prior to retirement but it is recommended that he include a disclaimer that the Police Department is not officially endorsing his campaign via these photos.

*In re Seebock, Comm'n Op. No.24-018A (2024).*

### **Disclosure & Abstention:**

A Public Officer who is also employed by the agency and accesses services provided by the agency is required to conduct proper disclosure and abstention analysis prior to acting on any item affecting their pecuniary interests.

*In re Public Officer, Comm'n Op. No.24-006A (2024)*

## **Recent Commission Leadership Elected**



Scott Scherer, Esq. was elected as Chair of the Commission during the meeting on July 23rd, 2024. Chair Scherer, who joined the Commission in November 2023, is a former member of the Gaming Control Board and has previously served on the Ethics Commission.



Kim Wallin, CPA, CMA, CFM was elected as Vice Chair of the Commission during the meeting on July 23rd, 2024. Vice Chair Wallin has served on the Commission since June 2018, previously held the position of State Controller and served as Chair of the Commission for the past four years.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission are elected each year at the first meeting of the fiscal year, as per NAC 281A.150.

## Recent Commission Appointments



Governor Lombardo recently appointed Terry J. Reynolds to the Nevada Commission on Ethics, effective July 1st, 2024. Commissioner Reynolds is the former Director of the Nevada Department of Business and Industry and the current president of The Reynolds Company Consulting.



The Legislative Commission recently appointed Michael E. Langton, Esq., to the Nevada Commission on Ethics, effective April 18th, 2024. Commissioner Langton is an attorney specializing in employment litigation and union representation.

The Nevada Commission on Ethics is comprised of eight members. Four of the members are appointed by the Governor and four are appointed by the Legislative Commission. [NRS 281A.200](#) sets requirements for the appointment of Commissioners including the following requirements:

- No more than four members may be members of the same political party.
- No more than four members may be residents of the same county.
- Commissioners are prohibited from holding another public office.
- Commissioners are prohibited from being actively involved in the work of a political party or political campaign.
- Commissioners serve for four-year terms.

[Click here to see the full list of Commissioners.](#)

## Hired Senior Legal Researcher

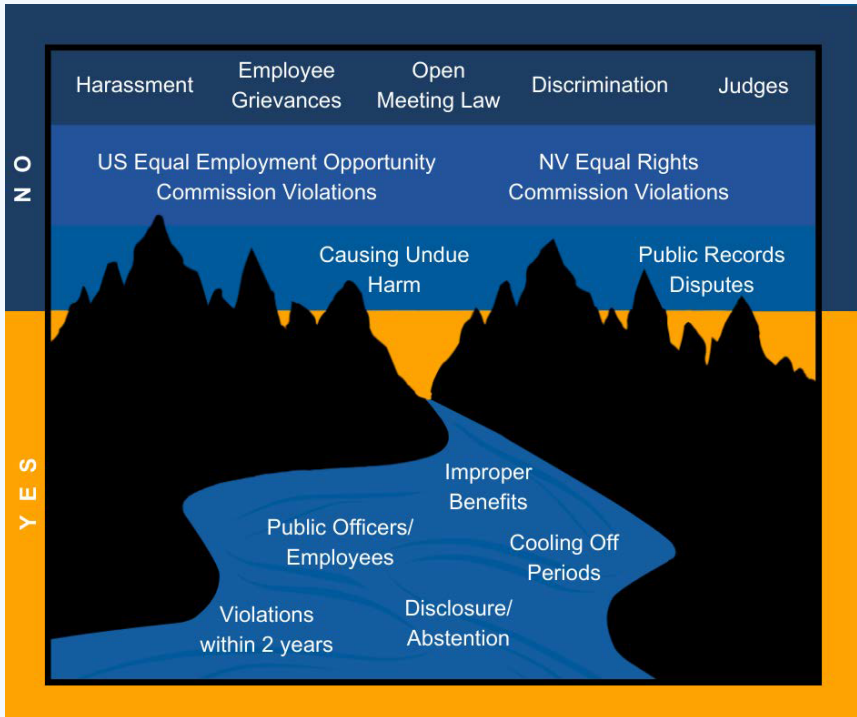


Welcome to our new Senior Legal Researcher, Curtis Hazlett! Curtis is a graduate of the Boyd School of Law and recently completed a clerkship with District Court Judge Hardy in the Second Judicial District.

He previously interned with private law firms and worked on government policy for the Nevada Cannabis Association and served as the policy director for the Associated Students of the University of Nevada.

# Manual Moment

The Nevada Commission on Ethics published a new and improved [Ethics Manual](#) this summer. Here is an infographic that describes what does and does not fall into the jurisdiction of the Commission to give you a glimpse into the Manual.





# Next Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

[Meeting Materials](#)

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