



Nevada Commission on Ethics

Ethics Link NV Newsletter

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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 of our recent posts, and invite your team to do the same.

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

Step 3: Explore [live](#) or [on-demand](#) training for you and your agency.

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

Recent Commission Opinions

Disclosure and Abstention:

[In re Ron Boskovich, Comm'n Op. No 24-130C \(2025\)](#)

Boskovich, a Nye County Commissioner, failed to properly make a disclosure statement when reviewing and approving the County budget despite the facts that his ex-spouse and daughter work for Nye County. Although the marriage with the ex-spouse had terminated, the relationship was still “substantially similar” to that of a spouse creating a commitment in a private capacity and requiring disclosure. The failure to disclose constituted a violation of NRS 281.420(1).

[In re Charles Green, Comm'n Op. No 24-109C \(2025\)](#)

Green, a member of the State Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners, had a right pursuant to the Board's controlling statute to be paid a salary as the Board's Secretary Treasurer. Although such payment was permitted, Green was still required under the Ethics Law to properly disclose his pecuniary interest in the matter and abstain from advocating for the payments during the meeting. His failure to do so

resulted in a violation of NRS 281A.420(1) and the Commission issued Green a \$500 fine.

The Commission posts recent cases and Review Panel findings on it's [Opinions Page](#).

New Commissioner Appointed

The Governor has appointed John Miller, president, and CEO of Summit National Bank, to the Commission. He has previous experience as a small business owner and entrepreneur. In 2022 he ran for Lieutenant Governor, and he currently sits on the board for Scouting America's Las Vegas Area Council, serving families in Southern Nevada and Northwestern Arizona. He lives in Henderson with his family.

John Miller

Term: 1/24/2025-06/30/2027



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Legislative Outreach



The Commission provided outreach at the Nevada Legislature on March 25 including a table with visual displays and resources and a proclamation on the floor of the Assembly recognizing our 50th Anniversary.

Manual Moment

The Nevada Commission on Ethics published a new and improved Ethics Manual last summer. Here is the key take away and terms from the chapter on Contracting.



Updated 7/15/24

State of Nevada Ethics Manual Contracting

Key Take Away

This section of the Nevada Ethics Manual explains the exceptions to the general rule that public officers or employees are not allowed to enter into contracts with agencies if they have a significant financial interest in the business seeking the contract. However, there are exceptions below. [See NRS 281A.430.](#)

Key Terms

Competitive Bidding: The process where different companies or individuals submit proposals to do a job or provide a service for a government agency. The agency reviews these proposals and chooses the best one based on various criteria, like cost and quality.

Member of a Local Legislative Body: A governing body of any political subdivision who performs any function that involves introducing, voting upon, or otherwise acting upon any matter of a permanent or general character which may reflect public policy. For example: A member of a board of county commissioners or a governing body of a city.

Nevada Lawyer Article



The Commission was featured in the April issue of *Nevada Lawyer* magazine highlighting the Commission's history and major cases and milestones. An excerpt from the article

“The requirements of the first Nevada Ethics Law looked much like those of today with prohibitions on certain gifts, conflicts of interests, and requirements to disclose financial interests (now a duty of the Secretary of State’s office). The Ethics Commission itself was only empowered to provide advisory opinions and played no role in enforcement of the requirements. On May 18, 1975, the Nevada Ethics Law was born; however, less than a year later, it would be dead...”

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Next Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 18th

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