



# Campaign Finance Handbook

## CHAPTER 16: OTHER RESOURCES

Campaign finance is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State's Office, the 88 county boards of elections, and the Ohio Elections Commission. Questions often arise that appear related to campaign finance but are under the jurisdiction of other agencies.

The following is a list of other agencies and organizations that may be helpful resources:

### **Ohio Board of Professional Conduct**

The Board of Professional Conduct is the arm of the Ohio Supreme Court that interprets and administers Rule 4 of the Code of Judicial Conduct related to rules for judicial candidates.

Ohio Board of Professional Conduct  
65 South Front Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431  
614.387.9370  
[bpc.ohio.gov/judicial-candidates](http://bpc.ohio.gov/judicial-candidates)

### **Federal Election Commission (FEC)**

Federal campaign finance law is under the jurisdiction of the FEC. The campaign finance information on Ohio's Congressional delegation is available at the FEC's website in a searchable database.

Federal Elections Commission  
1050 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20463  
800.424.9530  
[FEC.gov](http://FEC.gov)

### **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

Questions about investment or interest income, Form 1120 POL, section 527 filing requirements, federal tax identification numbers for bank accounts, whether particular contributions are tax deductible, or whether political activity will affect a group's nonprofit status should be directed to the IRS.

Internal Revenue Service  
800.829.1040  
[IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov)



## Joint Legislative Ethics Committee (JLEC)

All legislative agents, executive agency lobbyists, and their respective employers must file with JLEC, which is charged with the administration and enforcement of Ohio's lobbying laws. Information about lobbyists, including a complete list of registered legislative agents and executive agency lobbyists, is available from JLEC.

Joint Legislative Ethics Committee  
100 East Broad Street, Suite 1910  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
614.728.5100  
[jlec-olig.state.oh.us](http://jlec-olig.state.oh.us)

## Legislative Service Commission (LSC)

LSC was created to provide technical, research, and fiscal services to members of the Ohio General Assembly. Bill documents, budget documents, and status reports on pending legislation are several of the resources available at LSC's website.

Legislative Services Commission  
77 South High Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
614.466.3615  
[lsc.ohio.gov](http://lsc.ohio.gov)

## Ohio Ethics Commission (OEC)

The Ethics Commission reviews ethical issues involving elected officials, candidates for elected office, and other public persons. The commission works with public officials, candidates, and employees at the state and local levels of government, while JLEC works with members, employees, and candidates for the General Assembly. The Board of Professional Conduct (see above) handles ethical questions for judges and judicial candidates. The personal financial disclosure statements of public officials and candidates are on file at their respective agency.

Ohio Ethics Commission  
30 West Spring Street L3  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-2256  
614.466.7090  
[Ethics.Ohio.gov](http://Ethics.Ohio.gov)