

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

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Advisory Opinion Request/Question

Has Ethics Advisory Opinion No. 518 been superseded by the Texas Ethics Commission's argument and the subsequent court order in Lake Travis Citizens Council? Does the definition of "principal purpose" in TEC Rule §20.1(17) apply to a nonprofit corporation, which the TEC and courts have determined should be treated as singular person? (AOR-707.)

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Whether a member of the legislator may accept office space contributed by a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Whether a member of the legislator may continue to use contributed office space for a district office through the moratorium on political contributions prescribed by Section 253.034 of the Election Code. (AOR-709.)

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What activities may be conducted in a "generic get-out-the-vote" campaign as authorized by Section 253.171 of the Election Code? Must all campaign material list the name and office sought or held or a photograph of each judicial candidate? (AOR-710.)

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Whether a lobbyist reports a publicly traded partnership as a corporation or non-corporate entity on the lobby registration form. (AOR-711.)

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Would a statewide political party be able to use funds from corporations or labor organizations to pay a contractor's invoice when the contractor

was hired to develop administrative tools and a hiring plan? (AOR-712.)

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Whether a judicial candidate needs to include on political advertising a disclosure regarding the candidate's acceptance or rejection of voluntary expenditure limits considering the voluntary expenditure limits have been repealed. (AOR-714.)

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Whether Section 572.054(b) of the Government Code prohibits a former employee of a regulatory agency from receiving compensation for assisting clients applying for and managing grants issued by the requestor's former state agency? (AOR-715.)

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Whether the "revolving door" provision in Government Code Section 572.054(b) prohibits a former employee of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from receiving compensation from a company to provide advice and expert testimony regarding 1) the company's compliance with a TCEQ issued permit, 2) a corrective action plan applicable to the company; and 3) the appropriateness of civil monetary penalties sought from the company. (AOR-716.)

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Whether an officer of a state agency meets the definition of an "appointed officer" when the officer is not appointed to a term of service specified in statute or state constitution beyond the default maximum term specified by Article XVI, section 30(a) of the Texas Constitution. (AOR-717-CI.)

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