



# JOINT LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

## 130<sup>th</sup> OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## What is JLEC?

The Joint Legislative Ethics Committee ("JLEC") serves as the ethics advisory committee for Ohio's legislative branch of government. The bipartisan committee is composed of 12 Members of the General Assembly, split evenly between the two chambers, and divided equally between both major political parties. JLEC carries out its mission through the Office of the Legislative Inspector General ("OLIG").

The focus of the OLIG is to provide legal advice and guidance to prevent ethics violations; however, JLEC is authorized to investigate and conduct hearings on complaints or violations of the ethics statutes with respect to those public officials and employees subject to its jurisdiction. The OLIG is also responsible for administering the laws imposing financial disclosure requirements and governing conflicts of interest with respect to all members and employees of, and candidates for, the General Assembly and employees of all legislative agencies.

In addition, the OLIG administers the laws regarding post employment disclosure and lobbying compliance relative to attempts to influence legislation, executive agency decisions, and the investment decisions of Ohio's five state retirement systems. The majority of OLIG resources are dedicated to working with Ohio's more than 1,500 lobbyists and their nearly 1,700 clients to ensure a transparent and lawful lobbying process.

For more information regarding Ohio's ethics laws, disclosure requirements and lobbying compliance, please visit JLEC's website at [www.ohiolobbying.com](http://www.ohiolobbying.com). If you have questions or need addition clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 614-728-5100.