



Meet the Commission...

The Missouri Ethics Commission serves the public interest. We assist and educate Missouri's citizens, public officials, lobbyists, and those participating in public elections. We create transparency and accountability and consistently enforce campaign finance, conflict of interest, and lobbying laws.

We do our work with a 22-person, professional, and nonpartisan staff. The Commissioners serve in a non-partisan manner and are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor, from the Congressional districts.

The Commission makes transparency and public information a priority in our operations. You can see the results on our [website](#), where you can easily conduct searches to get detailed financial information about campaigns. We have publications and brochures, and web tutorials explaining Missouri's ethics laws, requirements and regulations. We conduct seminars throughout the state and are available for questions by phone. The result is any person can learn about Missouri's laws and the money being raised and spent by campaigns.

Candidates, lobbyists, and public officials have filing requirements with the Commission. Over 2,500 campaign finance committees and over 1,000 lobbyists are registered with the Commission. About 10,000 Personal Financial Disclosure statements are filed in a year. We assist this community of filers through our website, training, reminders and notices, e-filing systems, and making our staff available via phone and email.

Our responsibility includes enforcing the laws. We conduct investigations related to reports filed with our office and received complaints alleging violations of Missouri's ethics laws. Each complaint is seriously considered and thoroughly investigated. The scope and limitations of the Commission's authority and jurisdiction are defined in the Missouri laws. The case is investigated factually, by an experienced MEC investigator, and the Commissioners' decisions are based on the facts found in the investigation and Missouri's existing laws. These decisions related to investigations can be found on our [website](#).

As the Commission administers the ethics laws, we serve as an available resource to the Legislature as it looks to improve financial transparency, accountability, and fairness in the election process. The Commission is committed to continuing efforts in strengthening Missouri's ethics laws and the integrity of the Commission.