



# THE VOICE OF ETHICS

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER ETHICS EDUCATION SESSIONS

The Ohio Ethics Commission recently announced the dates and locations of the 2013 Ethics Educational Sessions. The sessions are designed for board and commission members and other financial disclosure filers who may not be able to attend in-house sessions.

Per Governor Kasich's Executive Order, state officials and employees must participate in annual Ethics training. Many agencies and commissions conduct in-house ethics education sessions to assist staff in meeting that requirement.

If you have questions regarding the executive order or attendance requirements, please contact Sandra Callas at the Governor's Office at (614) 644-0872.

If you have questions regarding the Ohio Ethics Commission, please contact Susan Willeke at (614) 466-7090 or at [susan.willeke@ethics.ohio.gov](mailto:susan.willeke@ethics.ohio.gov)



### POST-EMPLOYMENT AND JOB SEEKING



Last year, the Ohio General Assembly amended state laws that govern the five public retirement systems. As a result, it is anticipated that a larger than average number of public servants will retire in 2013.

In order to assist these departing officials and employees, the Ohio Ethics Commission's Chief Advisory Attorney, Jennifer Hardin, created helpful guidance documents regarding the revolving door law that is readily available on the Commission's Web site. The "Revolving Door" page has easy to understand information sheets on these topics:

- Limits on job-seeking for public servants who are planning to retire; and
- Revolving Door limits on public servants after they have left their public positions.

The page also has:

- Links to thirteen Ohio Ethics Commission Advisory Opinions applying the job-seeking and revolving door law to a variety of different public officials and employees; and
- Information about financial disclosure filing requirements.

Questions? Call an advisory attorney at the Ethics Commission at (614)-466-7090!

## Commission News

At its January meeting, the Ohio Ethics Commission unanimously re-elected Merom Brachman as Chairman and Maryann B. Gall as Vice Chair. Mr. Brachman is a Columbus businessman and a long-time member of the Ethics Commission. Ms. Gall is a tax attorney headquartered in Columbus. She has served on the Commission since January 2011.

The Commission also announced dates of its upcoming meetings:

- February 21, 2013 – 10 a.m.
- March 28, 2013 – 10 a.m. (tentative)
- May 2, 2013 – 10 a.m.

All Commission meetings are held in the William Green Building, 30 W. Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio.