

JR6-2-306 Communications of commission and committee members.

- (1) As used in this section, "third party" means:
 - (a) for a member of the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission, a person who is not a member of the commission or staff to the commission; or
 - (b) for a member of an ethics committee, a person who is not a member of the committee or staff to the committee.
- (2) While a complaint is under review by the commission or an ethics committee, a member of that commission or committee may not initiate or consider any communications concerning the complaint with a third party unless:
 - (a) the communication is expressly permitted under the procedures established by this title; or
 - (b) the communication is made by the third party, in writing, simultaneously to:
 - (i) all members of the commission or committee; and
 - (ii) a staff member of the commission or committee.
- (3)
 - (a) While the commission is reviewing a complaint under this title, a commission member may communicate outside of the meetings, hearing, or deliberations with another member of, or staff to, the commission, only if the member's communication does not materially compromise the member's responsibility to independently review and make decisions in relation to the complaint.
 - (b) While a committee is reviewing a complaint under this title, a committee member may communicate outside of the meeting, hearing, or deliberations with another member of, or staff to, the committee, only if the member's communication does not materially compromise the member's responsibility to independently review and make decisions in relation to the complaint.
- (4) While a complaint is under review by an ethics committee, a member of the commission may not comment publicly or privately about the commission's decision, reasoning, or other matters relating to the ethics complaint, but may provide or refer a questioner to the commission's written recommendation.