POLITICAL PARTICIPATION BY ELECTION COMMISSION
AND ELECTORAL BOARD ATTORNEYS

Policy

The Election Commission recognizes the importance of maintaining the integrity and transparency of its election operations. In order to provide the public with full confidence in the results of elections and to ensure that those results are free from any factors which would affect the integrity of the vote tabulation or the voter confidence in the electoral process, it is the policy of the Election Commission that attorneys working for the Election Commission or the Electoral Board are prohibited from engaging in certain prohibited political activity on behalf of any Candidate under the jurisdiction of the Election Commission.

The Employees of the Election Commission, under the Ethics Ordinance adopted by the Election Commission, are prohibited from engaging in political activity, as set forth more fully in the Election Commission Ethics Ordinance. The Commissioners of the Election Commission, also under the Ethics Ordinance adopted by the Commission, are prohibited from engaging in certain political activity. Pursuant to State law, the Commissioners must demonstrate a party affiliation as the Election Commission is a legally constituted bi-partisan Commission, pursuant to State law.

Prohibited Political Activity

Any attorney performing legal services on behalf of the Election Commission, including the law firm employing said attorney, shall refrain from the political activity prohibited herein on behalf of any Candidate under the jurisdiction of the Election Commission, on behalf of the Election Commission or the Electoral Board.

A. Organizing in any political meeting, political rally, political demonstration or any other political event; soliciting contributions, selling, distributing or receiving payment for tickets for any political fundraiser, political meeting, or other political event.

B. Soliciting or planning the solicitation of campaign contributions or preparing any document or report regarding anything of value intended as a campaign contribution.

C. Assisting at the polls on Election Day on behalf of any political candidate for elective office.

D. Making contributions on behalf of any candidate for elective office or in connection with a campaign for elective office for a particular office.

E. Distributing, preparing for distribution or mailing campaign literature, campaign signs, or other campaign material on behalf of any candidate for elective office.

F. Managing or working on a campaign for elective office.
Violations

Any Attorney violating the provisions of this Policy is subject to removal from service to the Election Commission or the Electoral Board, as appropriate. No contributions made prior to the effective date of this Policy shall be construed as a violation of this policy.

This Policy shall become immediately effective upon the approval and passage, as provided for by law.

ADOPTED this 9th day of November 2016

/c/ Cathy Terrill
Cathy Terrill, Chairperson

/c/ James S. Lowe
James S. Lowe, Vice Chair

/c/ John Boske
John Boske, Secretary

ATTEST:

/c/ John Boske
John Boske, Secretary