

West Virginia Ethics Commission

Lobbyist Activity Report Form

2024-01

West Virginia Ethics Commission

Attn: Lobbyist Registrar

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Charleston, WV 25301

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1. Name and contact information

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2. Reporting period for which this activity report is being filed

Check	Report	Period	Due Date				
x	2024-1	1/1/24-4/32/24	5/15/24				

3. List all employers/organizations that you represent as a lobbyist

Use additional reporting forms if necessary.

1. West Virginia Association for Justice
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____


4. Lobbying activity summary - If there was no activity or expenditures, indicate "none."

Meeting and working with legislators, legislative staff and other lobbyists on issues related to the civil justice system and access to the civil courts.

5. Expenditures

If no expenditures, including campaign contributions, mark here:

If you spent money on any public official, employee or member of his or her immediate family, list the amounts spent in each of the following categories per each employer you represent. Complete and attach Schedule A to this report.

Expenditure Categories	Employer 1	Employer 2	Employer 3	Employer 4	Employer 5	Employer 6	Total Expended
A. Meals and Beverages	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
B. Lodging	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
C. Advertising	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
D. Travel	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
E. Gifts	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F. Other Expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
G. Group Expenditures	\$ 3245.88	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
H. Campaign Contributions	LIST AMOUNT IN "TOTAL EXPENDED" COLUMN. 						\$ 3245.88
I. TOTAL of all expenditures	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3245.88

If you sponsored or contributed to any group event or shared expenses, list the total expended in category 5G immediately above. Complete and attach a Schedule B for each event.

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Schedule B: Group Entertainment & Shared Expenses

(Attach to the Lobbyist Activity Report)

Instructions: *Group Entertainment* functions include only the functions that fall within the following groups. Report expenditures for a dinner party, reception or other similar function if you invited ALL members of any of these four specific groups. Individual names of attendees do not need to be listed for these four specific groups.

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. the Legislature | 3. either house of the Legislature |
| 2. a standing or select committee of either house | 4. a joint committee of both houses |

Use the worksheet below to figure the amount spent on legislators and other governmental officials and employees for each "event." Enter this amount on the Lobbyist Activity Report.

List each group event separately. **Make additional copies of this page if necessary.** Record total expenditures for each group event in **Section B**. You must then calculate and post on the Lobbyist Activity Report only the amount actually spent on public officials. If you share expenses with another reporting lobbyist, report only your portion of the expenses and list the names of other co-sponsors in **Section C** below.

Section A: Event Information

Lobbying expenses for entertainment of "OTHER" group events are reported in the "Meals & Beverages" category on the Lobbyist Activity Report Form. List the names of attendees on this form or attach additional information pages. If using this form, list the names in item 5 below, as well as other event information requested in items 1 through 4 and complete the Section B calculations.

1. Date of event: January 16, 2024 Location: Embassy Suites, Charleston
2. Type of event (reception, dinner, etc.): Reception
3. Event sponsor: Please See Attached Memos (If you shared the sponsorship and expenses with others, you must also complete Section C below.)
4. Which of the following governmental groups were invited? All members of:
- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a. the Legislature | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. a standing or select committee of either house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | b. either house of the Legislature | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. a joint committee of both houses |

OR

5. OTHER: If the event was not in one of the four specific groups listed above, you must list the names of all public employees or public officials in attendance here or on an attachment to this form. List attendees here:

West Virginia Supreme Court Justices and Staff, West Virginia Circuit Court Judges, West Virginia Family Court Judges

Section B: Calculate Reportable Expenses*Some calculations must be performed manually.*

$$1. \frac{\$10,002.50}{(total\ cost\ of\ event) \div 120} = \$80.02 \quad (per\ capita\ cost)$$

2. Number of governmental officials or employees in attendance:

$$\frac{29}{(governmental\ attendees)} \times \$80.02 = \boxed{\$2320.58} \quad \text{BOX 1}$$

If this was a true Group Entertainment event and you were the sponsor, report the amount above as Group Entertainment on the Lobbyist Activity Report in Section 5G. If you shared expenses with others, complete section C below, and report only your portion of the cost. Note: If you classified the expenditure described in section A as "OTHER," it is reported on the Lobbyist Activity Report Form as a Meals & Beverages expense (5A), not as a "Group Expenditure" (5G).

Section C: Shared Sponsorship Expenses

1. Were any other lobbyists co-sponsors of this event? Yes (yes or no)
2. If yes, with how many others are sharing the cost? List the names of all sponsors below:
Please see attached memo.

3. What is your share of Box 1 above? \$ \$232.06

Record that amount in Box 2 and on the Lobbyist Activity Report in Section 5G.

BOX 2
\$232.06

Lobbyist Name	White, Beth A.
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6. Total of all expenditures from line 5-I. (on page 1)	3245.88
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7. Lobbyist certification – Please read and sign below.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained hereon and on any attached materials is true, correct and complete. I understand that it is a violation of WV Code §6B-3-9 to willfully and knowingly file a false or incomplete report. I further understand that if convicted of such an act, I may be fined, sentenced

Lobbyist Signature: 

Date: May 1, 2024

Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia West Virginia Association for Justice

MEMO

April 26, 2024

To: West Virginia Ethics Commission

**From: DTCWV -- Danielle Waltz
WVAJ -- Patrick Cadle, John Ellem and Beth White**

Re: Joint Bar Reception -- January 16, 2024

On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, the West Virginia State Bar, state voluntary bar associations, law firms and other legal organizations sponsored a joint reception honoring West Virginia courts and judges. All sponsors are listed below.

Of sponsoring organizations, only the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia and the West Virginia Association for Justice have registered lobbyists. Each contributed \$1,000 to the cost for the event.

Expenditures totaled \$10,002.50. The per capita cost for government officials/employees is \$80.02. With 29 attending, the cost for them to attend is \$2320.58. At \$1000, DTCWV and WVAJ each contributed 10 percent to the total cost. The organizations' individual share is \$232.06, which is reported on their respective Schedule B forms.

If there are questions, please call Beth White at (304)389-8587.

Sponsors

West Virginia State Bar
Center for Consumer Law and Education
Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia
West Virginia Bar Association
West Virginia Women Attorneys
Bordas and Bordas
Bowles Rice
Dickie, McCamey, and Chilcote
Frost, Brown, Todd
Hill, Peterson, Carper, Bee and Deitzler

Jackson Kelly
Lewis Gianola
Nelson Mullins
Shuman, McCuskey, and Slicer
Stephen New and Associates
Steptoe and Johnson
Peyton Law
Thomas Combs Spann
Warner Law Offices
White Law Offices

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Schedule B: Group Entertainment & Shared Expenses

(Attach to the Lobbyist Activity Report)

Instructions: *Group Entertainment* functions include only the functions that fall within the following groups. Report expenditures for a dinner party, reception or other similar function if you invited ALL members of any of these four specific groups. Individual names of attendees do not need to be listed for these four specific groups.

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. the Legislature | 3. either house of the Legislature |
| 2. a standing or select committee of either house | 4. a joint committee of both houses |

Use the worksheet below to figure the amount spent on legislators and other governmental officials and employees for each "event." Enter this amount on the Lobbyist Activity Report.

List each group event separately. **Make additional copies of this page if necessary.** Record total expenditures for each group event in **Section B**. You must then calculate and post on the Lobbyist Activity Report only the amount actually spent on public officials. If you share expenses with another reporting lobbyist, report only your portion of the expenses and list the names of other co-sponsors in **Section C** below.

Section A: Event Information

Lobbying expenses for entertainment of "OTHER" group events are reported in the "Meals & Beverages" category on the Lobbyist Activity Report Form. List the names of attendees on this form or attach additional information pages. If using this form, list the names in item 5 below, as well as other event information requested in items 1 through 4 and complete the Section B calculations.

1. Date of event: February 1, 2024 Location: Embassy Suites, Charleston
2. Type of event (reception, dinner, etc.): WVAJ Mid-Winter Convention Party and Legislative Reception
3. Event sponsor: West Virginia Association for Justice (If you shared the sponsorship and expenses with others, you must also complete Section C below.)
4. Which of the following governmental groups were invited? All members of:
- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a. the Legislature | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. a standing or select committee of either house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | b. either house of the Legislature | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. a joint committee of both houses |

OR

5. OTHER: If the event was not in one of the four specific groups listed above, you must list the names of all public employees or public officials in attendance here or on an attachment to this form. List attendees here:

Board of Public Works, Governors' Staff, Legislative Staff, West Virginia Supreme Court Justices and Staff, Circuit Court Judges

Section B: Calculate Reportable Expenses*Some calculations must be performed manually.*

$$1. \frac{\$13,610.51}{(total\ cost\ of\ event)} \div 140 \div (total\ attendance)} = \$97.22 \text{ (per capita cost)}$$

2. Number of governmental officials or employees in attendance:

$$\frac{31}{(governmental\ attendees)} \times 97.22 = \boxed{\$3013.82} \text{ BOX 1}$$

If this was a true Group Entertainment event and you were the sponsor, report the amount above as Group Entertainment on the Lobbyist Activity Report in Section 5G. If you shared expenses with others, complete section C below, and report only your portion of the cost. Note: If you classified the expenditure described in section A as "OTHER," it is reported on the Lobbyist Activity Report Form as a Meals & Beverages expense (5A), not as a "Group Expenditure" (5G).

Section C: Shared Sponsorship Expenses

1. Were any other lobbyists co-sponsors of this event? Np (yes or no)
2. If yes, with how many others are sharing the cost? _____ List the names of all sponsors below:

3. What is your share of Box 1 above? \$ \$3013.82

Record that amount in Box 2 and on the Lobbyist Activity Report in Section 5G.

\$3013.82 BOX 2



MEMO

April 26, 2024

To: West Virginia Ethics Commission

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From: Beth A. White, Executive Director

WV Ethics Commission

Re: February 1, 2024 Reception

The West Virginia Association for Justice sponsored its 2024 WVAJ Mid-Winter Convention Party and Legislative Reception on Thursday, February 1. Per the information on Schedule B, the reportable expense for this event is \$3,013.82.

WVAJ was the sole sponsor for this event, but it is included in the lobbying activity reports for Patrick Cadle, John Ellem, and Beth White.

If there are questions, phone (304)389-8587.