

West Virginia Ethics Commission
Lobbyist Activity Report Form

2021-03

West Virginia Ethics Commission

Attn: Lobbyist Registrar

210 Brooks St., Ste. 300

Charleston, WV 25301

304-558-0664

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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	2021-3	9/1/21-12/31/21	1/18/22				

3. List all employers/organizations that you represent as a lobbyist *Use additional reporting forms if necessary.*

1. West Virginia Association for Justice 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____


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

Tracking redistricting bills during the October special session; discussing prospective legislation for the 2022 regular session

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	\$ 132.32	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
H. Campaign Contributions	LIST AMOUNT IN "TOTAL EXPENDED" COLUMN. 						\$
I. TOTAL of all expenditures	\$ 132.32	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 132.32

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:

1. the Legislature
2. a standing or select committee of either house
3. either house of the Legislature
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: November 15, 2021 Location: Charleston Civic Center
2. Type of event (reception, dinner, etc.): Reception
3. Event sponsor: multiple - see attached (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"/> b. either house of the Legislature	<input type="checkbox"/> c. a standing or select committee of either house <input type="checkbox"/> d. a joint committee of both houses
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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, West Virginia Supreme Court justices and staff, circuit court judges, family court judges

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

$$\frac{7521.80}{(\text{total cost of event})} \div \frac{150}{(\text{total attendance})} = \$ \frac{50.14}{(\text{per capita cost})}$$

$$\frac{29}{(\text{governmental attendees})} \times \frac{50.14}{(\text{per capita cost})} = \boxed{1454.00 \times 1}$$

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? See attached list List the names of all sponsors below:

$$3. \text{ What is your share of Box 1 above? } \$ \frac{132.32}{}$$

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

\$132.32 $\times 2$



Reception Honoring West Virginia Courts, Judges and Attorneys

SPONSORS

West Virginia State Bar

Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia

West Virginia Association for Justice

West Virginia Bar Association

West Virginia Judicial & Lawyer Assistance Program

West Virginia University College of Law

Additional Support Provided By

Bailey & Glasser

Bailey, Javins and Carter

Farmer, Cline and Campbell

Frost Brown Todd

Hill, Peterson, Carper, Bee & Deitzler

Jenkins Fenstermaker

Mani, Ellis and Layne

Nelson Mullins

Peyton Law Firm

Shaffer and Shaffer



MEMO

September 6, 2022

**To: Teri Anderson – West Virginia Ethics Commission
Edward J. Bailey – Rollins, Cleavenger, Rollings**

From: Beth A. White

Re: November 15, 2021 Joint Reception & 2021-3 Report

On Monday, November 15, 2021, a joint reception was sponsored by the West Virginia State Bar, other state legal organizations, and West Virginia law firms. (See attached.) The invitation list included members of the West Virginia Board of Public Works, the West Virginia Legislature, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, and other state judges.

Two of the sponsoring organizations, the West Virginia Association for Justice (WVAJ) and the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia (DTCWV), have lobbyists registered with the West Virginia Ethics Commission. WVAJ's registered lobbyists at the time of the event were myself, Patrick Cadle, and John Ellem. The DTCWV's lobbyist was Danielle Waltz. Since this was a joint event where WVAJ and DTCWV sponsorships covered just a fraction of the event costs, I contacted Teri Anderson regarding how our organizations needed to report the expenditure to the West Virginia Ethics Commission. I was directed to base the amount reported on the percentage of each sponsorship to total amount donated.

A total of \$11,000 in donations were pledged for the event. WVAJ and DTCWV each contributed \$1,000, a percentage of 9.1 percent per organization. At the time Report 2021-3 was filed (January 5, 2022), not all pledged donations had been received. Rather than underreport our expenditures should those outstanding donations not be paid, the amount reported was based on the higher percentage of 13.3 percent. As a result, the reported amount for each organization was \$193.39. After all sponsorships were collected, the actual is \$132.32.

The total cost for the event was \$7521.60. Approximately 150 people attended, making the cost per person \$50.14. Twenty-nine elected officials attended, making the cost for officials \$1,454.06. Based on the 9.1 percent for which WVAJ and DTCWV were responsible, the expenditure for each organization was \$132.32. An amended report has been filed with the West Virginia Ethics Commission.

If you have questions, please contact me at (304)389-8587 or email bethwhite@wvaj.org.