

Received

JAN 17 2023

WV Ethics Commission

West Virginia Ethics Commission

Lobbyist Activity Report Form

2022-03

West Virginia Ethics Commission

Attn: Lobbyist Registrar

210 Brooks St., Ste. 300

Charleston, WV 25301

304-558-0664

No faxed copies

For office use only:

Postmark _____

Rec'd _____

Days late _____

Fine _____

Late reporting fine - \$10 per business day past the due date (\$250 maximum)

1. Name and contact information

Name Beth A. White

Phone (304)344-0692/(304)389-8587

Address 208 Capitol Street, Suite 100

Email bethwhite@wvaj.org

City, State Zip Charleston, WV 25301

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

Check	Report	Period	Due Date				
x	2022-3	9/1/22-12/31/22	1/17/23				

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

Use additional reporting forms if necessary.

- West Virginia Association for Justice
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____


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

Met and spoke with legislators regarding the civil justice system and access to the courts. Worked with committee staff and attended interim meetings when issues of concern were on agenda.

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	\$213.35	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
H. Campaign Contributions	LIST AMOUNT IN "TOTAL EXPENDED" COLUMN. 						\$
I. TOTAL of all expenditures	\$213.35	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$213.35

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.

Continued on page 2

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 | 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: December 5, 2022 Location: Charleston Civic Center
2. Type of event (reception, dinner, etc.): Reception
3. Event sponsor: (See attached memo) (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 justices, intermediate court judges, circuit court judges, family court judges and staff from the WVSCA and intermediate court.

Section B: Calculate Reportable Expenses

1. $\frac{8333.94}{150} = \$55.56$
 (total cost of event) ÷ (total attendance) (per capita cost)
2. Number of governmental officials or employees in attendance:
 $32 \times 55.56 = \boxed{\$1777.92}$
 (governmental attendees) x (per capita cost)

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? 7 List the names of all sponsors below:
 Please see attached list on memo

3. What is your share of Box 1 above? \$ 213.35

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

BOX 2

West Virginia Association for Justice Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia

MEMO

January 5, 2023

To: West Virginia Ethics Commission

From: Beth White on behalf of herself (WVAJ), Patrick Cadle (WVAJ), John Ellem (WVAJ) and Danielle Waltz (DTCWV)

Re: Joint Reception Held December 5, 2022

On December 5, 2022, a joint reception was held to honor West Virginia's courts, justices and judges, and practicing attorneys. The sponsors for this event were:

- Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia
- Center for Consumer Law and Education
- West Virginia Association for Justice
- West Virginia Bar Association
- West Virginia State Bar
- West Virginia University College of Law
- West Virginia Women Attorneys

Of these sponsors, only the West Virginia Association for Justice and the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia have lobbyists registered with the West Virginia Ethics Commission. Both WVAJ and DTCWV donated \$1000 toward event costs.

The reception invitation was sent to current and newly elected members of the West Virginia Legislature, the West Virginia Supreme Court and staff; the West Virginia Intermediate Court and staff, West Virginia Circuit Court Judges, and West Virginia Family Court Judges. A total of 32 people from these groups attended.

Final event costs totaled \$8333.94. A total of 150 people attended the event, making the cost per Attendee \$55.56. At that rate, the cost for elected officials and their staff totaled \$1,777.92.

The \$1,000 donations from WVAJ and DTCWV represent 12 percent of total cost each. The amount of final costs for each organization is \$213.35. This is the amount provided on the 2022-03 Lobbyist Activity Report and Schedule B.

If there are questions regarding this event, please contact Beth White at (304)389-8587 or bethwhite@wvaj.org.