

**Opinions Issued by the Independent Ethics Commission 2010-2012**

- **Advisory Opinion 10-01:** The IEC addressed issues relating to a State employee's acceptance of an award from a professional association. (1/6/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-02:** The Commission addressed the acceptance of federal dollars to pay for State employee travel and expenses to attend training for programs supported by federal dollars. (2/11/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-03:** This opinion addressed the Governor's acceptance of payment of expenses for attendance at a National Governor's Association meeting. (2/16/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-04:** The IEC addressed whether employees of a State agency may accept donated funds from fellow employees administered by an independent employee group for reasons of financial hardship. (4/19/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-05:** This opinion addressed the issue of whether the Attorney General could participate in a public service announcement paid for by a non-profit organization. (4/19/10).
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- **Advisory Opinion 10-06:** This opinion addressed the issue of whether a member of the General Assembly may accept travel expenses to attend a conference from a for-profit conference sponsor. (4/22/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-07:** The IEC addressed whether the Colorado Legislative Women's Caucus may partner with or form a non-profit organization to solicit funds in support of the non-profit organization. (8/19/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-08:** The Commission addressed the circumstances under which, a former State employee, may contract to work for the state agency where he previously worked prior to the expiration of the six months statutory period. (6/17/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-09:** Withdrawn
- **Advisory Opinion 10-10:** This opinion addressed the issue of whether the Governor and members of his staff and cabinet may accept travel expenses from a non-profit organization to attend a trade mission to a foreign country. (6/17/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-11:** The IEC addressed whether a member of the General Assembly may accept travel expenses from a foreign government to participate on a trade mission to a foreign city. (8/19/10).

- **Advisory Opinion 10-12:** This opinion addressed the issue of whether a State employee may accept travel expenses from a non-profit organization to travel to a foreign country. (7/1/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-13:** Withdrawn
- **Advisory Opinion 10-14:** This opinion addressed the circumstances under which members of the General Assembly may accept food and beverage from a political subdivision. The opinion also addressed issues relating to the solicitation of donations for the political subdivision by members of the General Assembly. (9/16/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-15:** This opinion addressed issues relating to the acceptance of travel expenses for job seeking activities by the Governor and his staff. (9/1/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-16:** Moot. See Letter Ruling 10-02.
- **Advisory Opinion 10-17:** The IEC addressed whether a state employee may accept travel expenses from a for profit organization doing business with the state. (10/7/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-18:** This opinion addressed the organization and funding of the gubernatorial transition. (11/5/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 10-19:** The Commission addressed whether a member of the General Assembly may accept travel expenses from a nonprofit organization and a governmental exchange organization. (11/5/10).
- **Letter Ruling 10-01:** The IEC issued an opinion regarding whether members of the General Assembly's Interim Water Resources Committee may receive a scholarship from a non-profit organization to participate in a tour. (5/26/10).
- **Letter Ruling 10-02:** This ruling addressed whether a former state employee could enter into a consulting contract on work related to her state employment within the six month statutory restriction period. (9/13/10).
- **Position Statement 10-01:** This statement addressed the circumstances under which a covered individual may accept travel expenses from a nonprofit organization and organizations to which the state is a dues-paying member. (1/6/10).
- **Advisory Opinion 11-01:** This opinion addressed whether the Colorado State Treasurer may accept reimbursement for travel to the National Treasurer's Association annual conference. (03/03/11)

- **Advisory Opinion 11-02:** This opinion addressed whether two members of the Colorado General Assembly may accept reciprocal travel expenses. (02/23/11)
- **Advisory Opinion 11-03:** This opinion addressed whether a member of the General Assembly may accept travel expenses, meals and an award at a conference. (02/23/11)
- **Advisory Opinion 11-04:** This opinion addressed the question of whether a county commissioner may solicit donations for his campaign for the vice presidency of a national nonprofit organization. (04/21/11)
- **Advisory Opinion 11-05:** This opinion addressed whether a state agency may accept written materials from a nonprofit organization. (04/21/11)
- **Advisory Opinion 11-06:** This opinion addressed the question of whether a member of the General Assembly may accept travel expenses from a nonprofit which gets more than 5% of its funding from for profit sources. (04/21/11)
- **Advisory Opinion 11-07:** This opinion addressed whether a member of the General Assembly may accept travel expenses from a nonprofit which gets less than 5% of its funding from for profit sources. (04/21/11)
- **Advisory Opinion 11-08:** This opinion addressed whether a member of the General Assembly may accept donations through a blind trust to help defray his wife's medical expenses. (05/19/11)
- **Advisory Opinion 11-09:** This opinion addressed whether a state employee may accept a free ticket to a Gala event in Washington, D.C. (05/19/11)
- **Advisory Opinion 11-10:** This opinion addressed whether the Colorado Bureau of Investigation may accept a free ticket to a conference which was won by one of its employees. (06/20/11)
- **Advisory Opinion 11-11:** This opinion addressed whether the Department of Local Affairs may hire an individual with a contract with the Department.
- **Advisory Opinion 11-12:** This opinion addressed whether the Governor may accept reimbursement for travel from NBC News for his appearance on a panel
- **Advisory Opinion 12-01:** This opinion addressed whether a Logan County Commissioner faced a conflict of interest with regards to his private business. (03/22/12)
- **Advisory Opinion 12-02:** This opinion addressed whether Department of Personnel and Administration employees could accept travel reimbursement

from a purchasing cooperative. (02/06/12)

- **Advisory Opinion 12-03:** This opinion addressed whether an employee of the Department of Education could accept a trip to Taiwan. (04/03/12)
- **Advisory Opinion 12-04:** This opinion addressed the question of whether a commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission could accept a fee waiver for a conference. (05/07/12)
- **Advisory Opinion 12-05:** This opinion addressed whether a Jefferson County Commissioner could accept travel expenses from a nonprofit organization. (05/07/12)
- **Advisory Opinion 12-06 and 12-07:** These opinions addressed the question of whether the Director of the Colorado Lottery could attend two different conferences. (06/28/12 and 08/24/12)
- **Advisory Opinion 12-08:** This opinion addressed whether a commissioner on the Public Utilities Commission could accept the waiver of a registration fee and travel to the conference. The opinion was originally issued on 07/30/12 and a clarification was sought, and the opinion was reissued on 08/24/12
- **Advisory Opinion 12-09:** This opinion addressed whether the State of Colorado could accept the use of a hybrid vehicle. (09/20/12)
- **Advisory Opinion 12-10:** This request was withdrawn due to timing issues.
- **Advisory Opinion 12-11:** This opinion addressed whether the Executive Director of a state agency could accept a trip to Israel. (08/24/12)
- **Advisory Opinion 12-12:** This opinion addressed whether a commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission could accept travel reimbursement for a conference (01/07/13)
- **Letter Ruling 12-01:** This opinion addressed how a meal should be valued when covered individuals are given a complimentary ticket to a luncheon. (02/06/12)
- **Position Statement 12-01: (Travel):** The Commission issued a revised position statement on travel to give guidance to all covered individuals. (12/07/12)
- **Position Statement 12-02: (Application of Gift Ban at Political Events):** The Commission issued this position statement to remind covered individuals that Article XXIX applies to events at national political conventions and similar events. (09/04/12)