

OHIO ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Commission Activities

The Commission issues advisory opinions on campaign finance related subjects. In addition and primarily, the Commission handles between 800 and 1000 complaints filed with it in a year. The vast majority of these matters deal with candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, or corporations that are either late in filing or fail to file the required campaign finance reports. **The remainder of the cases concern whether someone did or did not include a disclaimer on their political literature, corporate activities in the political arena, or the inclusion of allegedly false statements in campaign materials.**

Disclaimers on Ads, Signs, etc.

Most print campaign materials are required to include a disclaimer. The disclaimer must say "Paid for by" then the name of the person or committee, and the name and address of the candidate, chairperson, treasurer, or secretary. (ORC 3517.20)

Please contact the Elections Commission if you have questions regarding acceptable wording on signs, disclaimer requirements or other campaign activities.

Complaints concerning violations of the disclaimer requirement must be mailed to the Ohio Elections Commission, 21 W. Broad Street, Suite 600, Columbus, OH 43215.

Please see the Elections Commission's website or the Campaign Finance section of the Ohio Secretary of State's website for additional information.