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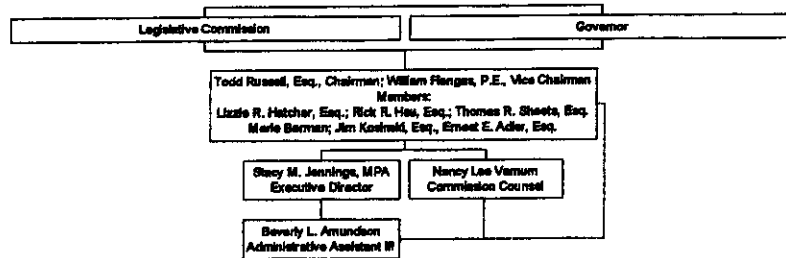
Nevada Commission on Ethics Overview

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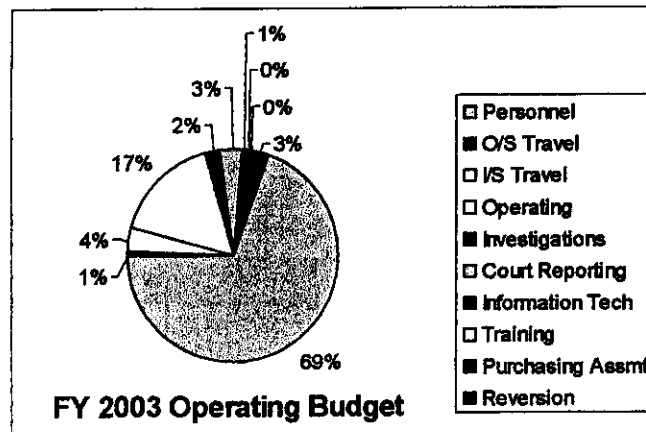
Nevada Commission on Ethics

- Interprets and provides guidance on the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes 281.411 through 281.581 (Ethics in Government Law)
- Administers NRS 294A.345 and 294A.346, which prohibit impeding the success of a campaign
- Accepts financial disclosure statements of public officers

Nevada Commission on Ethics



Commission Budget



Why do we need
an Ethics Commission
anyway?

Commission Jurisdiction

Public officer:

- ✓ Elected or appointed
- ✓ Exercises public power, trust, or duty
 - Exercises administrative discretion/formulates policy
 - Expends public money
 - Enforces laws and rules of state, county or city

NRS 281.4365

Exclusions:

Public officer does not include:

- Judges or officers of the court system
- Those serving in an advisory capacity
- Certain general improvement district members or county health officers

Commission Jurisdiction

Public employee:

- ✓ Performs public duties for compensation at state, county, or city level
- ✓ Actions directed or controlled by a public officer

NRS 281.436

Opinions & Complaints

- Advisory opinions about past, present, or future conduct of public officers (first-party request)
- Ethics complaints about conduct of public officers (third-party request)
- Campaign practices complaints (third-party request)

NRS Cites for Complaints

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|---------------|----------------|
| ■ NRS 281.210 | ■ NRS 281.501 |
| ■ NRS 281.221 | ■ NRS 281.505 |
| ■ NRS 281.230 | ■ NRS 281.553 |
| ■ NRS 281.236 | ■ NRS 294A.345 |
| ■ NRS 281.481 | ■ NRS 294A.346 |
| ■ NRS 281.491 | |

Conflict of Interest

A situation in which a person, such as a public official, an employee, or a professional, has a private or personal interest sufficient to appear to influence the objective exercise of his or her official duties.

Appearance of Impropriety

Conduct which would create in reasonable minds a perception that the a person's ability to carry out their responsibilities with integrity, impartiality, and competence is impaired.

Pecuniary Interests

- A monetary interest or an interest that can be valued in money.
- Campaign contributions are not pecuniary interests, and do not require disclosure if they are reported timely and as required under statute [NRS 281.501 (3) (c)].

Voting, Disclosing, & Abstaining (NRS 281.501)

- Voting is permissible if the value which the person would accrue as a result is no greater than the value which accrues to anyone else.
- When in doubt, disclose the interest and vote.

Voting, Disclosing, & Abstaining

- Prohibits advocating or voting for the passage or failure of, but otherwise allows active participation in, a matter if independent judgment would be affected by:
 - ✓ A gift or loan
 - ✓ A pecuniary interest
 - ✓ A commitment in a private capacity to the interests of others

Voting, Disclosing, & Abstaining

- Disclosure is mandatory for any interest created by:
 - ✓ A gift or loan
 - ✓ A pecuniary interest
 - ✓ A commitment in a private capacity to the interests of others
- Disclosure must be public and at the time the measure is considered.

Commitment in a Private Capacity to the Interests of Others

A commitment to a person who:

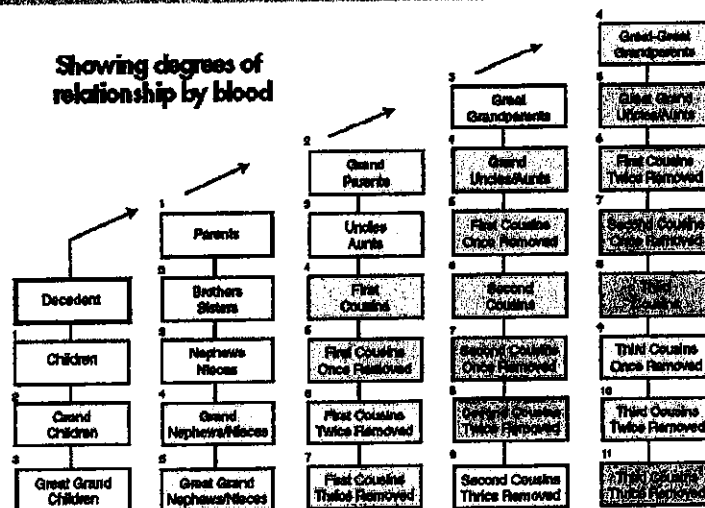
- Is a member of the household;
- Is related by blood, adoption, or marriage within 3rd degree of consanguinity;
- Employs the person or a household member; or
- With whom the person has substantial or continuing business relationship.

OR, other similar relationships.

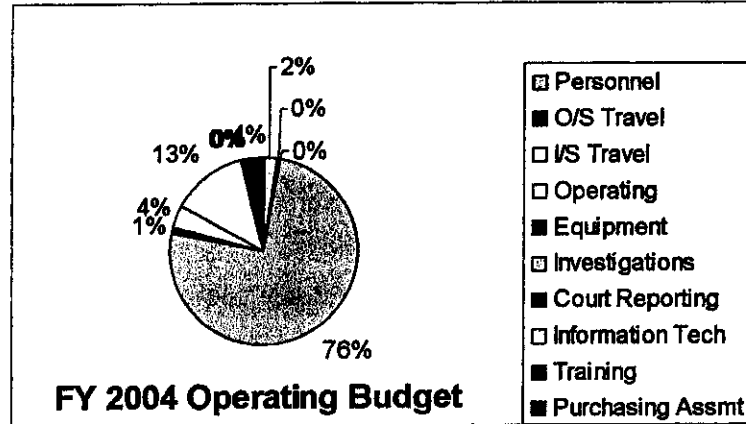
NRS 281.501 (8)

Degrees of Consanguinity

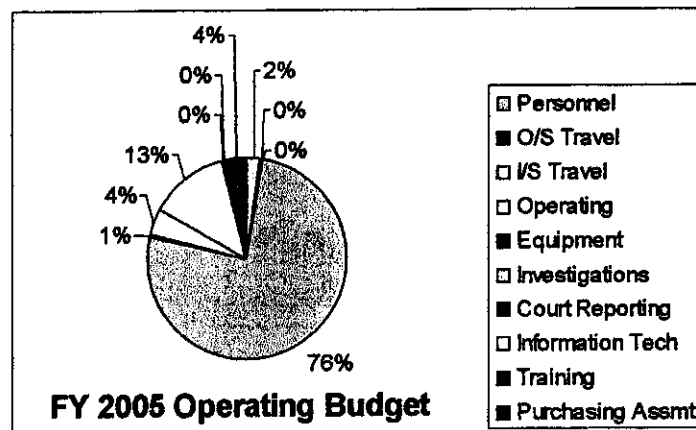
Showing degrees of relationship by blood



FY 2004 Executive Budget



FY 2005 Executive Budget



Additional Budget Items for Legislative Consideration

■ FY 2004 = \$26,880	■ FY 2005 = \$28,235
■ Paralegal Services \$15,000	■ Paralegal Services \$15,000
■ Investigations \$10,000	■ Investigations \$10,000
■ Replacement Equipment \$1,880	■ Replacement Equipment \$3,235

Workload Projections

	Actual FY 2002	Projected FY 2003	Projected FY 2004	Projected FY 2005
Opinion Requests Filed	30	78	125	125
Opinion Requests Under Jurisdiction	20	48	85	85
Panel Dismissals	12	18	20	20
Opinions Issued	8	30	65	70

Workload Projections

	Actual FY 2002	Projected FY 2003	Projected FY 2004	Projected FY 2005
First-party Advisory Opinions	4	20	55	55
Third-party Ethics Complaints	8	25	30	30
Campaign Practices Complaints	0	3	0	5
Educational Programs Held	0	16	25	15

Proposed Legislation (BDR 23-500)

- Civil penalties for late filing of financial disclosure statements
- Submission of financial disclosure statements
- Development of public officer database

Proposed Legislation

(BDR 23-500)

- Compliance training on ethics in government laws
- Remove provisions declared facially invalid by Nevada District Court



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