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There has been a great deal of discussion on the subject of the \$1.8 million dollar overrun on the attorney general offices. Indeed the discussion has ranged from the initial contact to the attorney general's office, to the awarding of the contract for the lease and the subsequent updates of the building and the deletion of emails from the accounts of the former attorney general and deputy attorney general. As the discussion has gone on, the more upsetting it has become to me. It seems that every ethical aspect of this process was questionable and smacks of a cover-up. As I listened to interim committee discussions regarding a bill to avoid this situation in the future, it seemed to me that it was all too easy for committee members to disregard and sweep away what happened. If not for that attitude in the legislature, I probably wouldn't have proceeded in this action. Even the appearance of impropriety in the legislature diminishes trust and respect in the citizens of the state for their legislature. After doing some research, I decided to file a complaint as a citizen and taxpayer of the state of North Dakota. I expect the commission to perform according to its rules and perform a complete investigation. I realize that the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission is limited, but I believe at least part of it falls under that umbrella. See attachments for complaint forms.

Thank you.

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