

Confidential Information Acknowledgment

Under N.D.C.C. § 54-66-12, most information related to a complaint filed with the North Dakota Ethics Commission ("Commission") is a confidential record as defined in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-17.1. This confidential information includes: (1) information revealing the contents of a complaint; (2) information that reasonably may be used to identify an accused individual; (3) information relating to or created as part of an investigation of a complaint; (4) information identifying the complainant unless the complainant authorizes the disclosure; and (5) information revealing an informal resolution of a complaint. Unauthorized disclosure by a public servant of this confidential information may be a criminal violation under N.D.C.C. § 12.1-13-01.

The confidential information may only be disclosed to others as necessary for the Commission to conduct its investigation, for emergency purposes under N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.10(6), to law enforcement under N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.10(4), or pursuant to a subpoena or order under N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.11. Confidential information authorized by law to be disclosed to another entity maintains its confidential status pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.10(5).

If the Commission finds the respondent has engaged in an ethical violation, the information may become an open record pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 54-66-12(1).

By signing the below, you acknowledge:

- (1) the Commission may share confidential information with you for the purpose of conducting an investigation of a complaint filed with the Commission;
- (2) you will not share this confidential information with others; and
- (3) the Commission may share any information you provide with others as the Commission is authorized to by law.

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