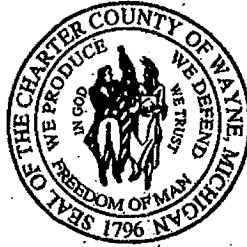


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2015 Year-End Report of the Wayne County Ethics Board

Dear Elected Officials:

This report is submitted pursuant to the Wayne County Ethics Ordinance, No. 2012-209, which directs the Wayne County Ethics Board to submit a written report of its activities to the appointing elected officials by December 15 of each year.

On December 18, 2014, after the submission of last year's report, the Wayne County Commission adopted a number of amendments to the ethics ordinance, at least two of which could affect elected officials. One of them provides that, for one year after employment with Wayne County, an elected official shall not be hired or appointed to a compensated county position, nor shall a contract be awarded to the elected official or a business in which the elected official has an interest, unless the contract or business transaction has been approved by 3/4 of county commissioners serving, and such interest is included in the minutes of the commission.

Another amendment provides that the failure of any public servant to file the personal disclosure required by section 40-5 will constitute an offense for which a complaint may be filed under the ordinance.

In contrast to a busy year in 2014, no formal complaints have been filed with the Ethics Board during 2015.

Two changes in the composition of the Board have occurred since our last report. On January 2, 2015 the Wayne County Clerk appointed Carron Pinkins, Esq., managing partner at Pinkins and Pinkins, PLLC, to replace Daniel Martin. On January 22, 2015 the Wayne County Commission appointed Glenn S Anderson, former Michigan State Representative and Senator, to replace William O'Neil, who had resigned. William C. Schaefer, appointee of the Register of Deeds has also resigned from the Board, his replacement being pending as of this writing.

The terms of the appointees of the Prosecutor and the Wayne County Executive, Messrs. Guerriero and Giovan respectively, will expire at the end of this year, and it is expected that their successors will be named in sufficient time to enable a meeting of the full board early in 2016, considering that the offices of both Chair and Vice-Chair will be vacant as of January 1.

The Board members extend best wishes to our elected officials for success in the coming year in their efforts to provide the best service available to the citizens of Wayne County.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Giovan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William J. Giovan
Ethics Board Chair

cc – Ethics Board Members
Darcel Brown, Clerk
Susan M. Bisio, Counsel