First Quarter Update

Ethics - Gifts, Honorarium, Travel and Use of Campaign Funds

Regulations adopted by the Commission

The following are regulatory changes approved by the Commission during the past quarter concerning gifts, honorarium, travel, and use of campaign funds. To receive updates for all regulations before the Commission, please sign up for our mailing list here.

None

Advice Letters

The following are advice letters issued by the Commission's Legal Division during the past quarter concerning questions about gifts, honorarium, travel, and use of campaign funds. To receive the monthly report with all advice letters issued, please sign up for our <u>mailing list here</u>.

None

Commission Opinions

None

Enforcement Matters

The following are summaries of significant enforcement actions approved by the Commission in the past quarter concerning gifts, honorarium, travel, and use of campaign funds. To receive a monthly report of all enforcement actions, please sign up for our <u>mailing list here</u>.

None.

Legislation

AB 975 (Luz Rivas) – SEI electronic filing and gift rules.

Status: Introduced (2/19/21)

Summary: The bill would revise and recast provisions relating to statements of economic interests, including by requiring certain public officials to file those statements using the Commission's electronic filing system. The bill would also extend the time that a gift of admission to an invitation-only event may be returned, reimbursed, or donated from 30 days from receipt of the gift to 30 days from the end of the calendar quarter in which the gift was received, and would codify existing regulations relating to returning, reimbursing, or donating gifts. The bill would reduce the amount of time in which lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers must provide a beneficiary of a gift certain information about that gift from 30 days to 15 days following the end of each calendar quarter in which the gift was provided.