



GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION

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It has been my great honor to serve Kansans as the Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission for over 7 years. I am excited to announce that I have accepted a new role as the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Board of Indigent Defense Services. I look forward to continuing to work with the Legislature in this capacity beginning on February 17th.

During my tenure, I have trained thousands of state employees, worked with hundreds of candidates, increased the consistency of the Commission, and sought to improve the law in many ways. I have worked to strengthen public trust in government through transparency and effective oversight. Thank you to those who worked with me for these important goals, both in and outside of the Legislature.

I am proud of my prioritization of education and prevention, only seeking fine enforcement in those rare cases when an act was intentional or severe. Our complaint filing reflects this practice – nearly all issues were resolved by correcting mistakes and providing guidance for future compliance.

Much has been written about ongoing litigation in Kansas state courts. I do not typically comment out of professional decorum regardless of what other attorneys do, but will offer this one note: the Commission will unquestionably prevail on appeal. Of this, there is no doubt.

Last week, I presented a 39-page proposal to the House Elections Committee that improves many sections of the Campaign Finance Act, focusing on key areas the Legislature has prioritized. I encourage the Legislature to continue this important work, listening to those who want to create good law rather than those who seek to undermine it or profit from it.

Kansans are well-served by the exceptional staff at the Ethics Commission. Their selflessness, patience, and dedication are evident to everyone who works with them. We are all lucky for their service to our great state, and I will always be grateful for their friendship.

I look forward to continuing to serve Kansas in a new capacity for another crucial state agency.

A blue ink signature of Mark Skoglund, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Mark Skoglund