



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
HOUSE ETHICS PANEL

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Vermont House of Representatives  
From: House Ethics Panel  
Date: December 30, 2019  
Subject: 2019 House Ethics Panel report

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Pursuant to [House Rule 90\(b\)\(8\)](#), the House Ethics Panel reports that in the year 2019, it closed the complaint referenced in its [2018 report](#) that had been transferred to inactive status. Because the complaint had originally been filed with the State Ethics Commission and referred to the Panel in accordance with [3 V.S.A. § 1223\(b\)\(4\)\(B\)](#), the Panel provided the Commission with a copy of the notice of complaint closure that was also provided to the Complainant and Respondent House member.

In addition, in the year 2019, the Panel received one complaint. The Panel closed that complaint but reserved the ability to reopen the complaint in the future, if necessary. Because the complaint had also been filed with the State Ethics Commission and referred to the Panel in accordance with [3 V.S.A. § 1223\(b\)\(4\)\(B\)](#), the Panel provided the Commission with a copy of the notice of complaint closure that was also provided to the Complainant and Respondent House member.

In 2019, the Panel contacted multiple House members whose candidate disclosure forms were not posted on the Secretary of State's [website](#) as required by [17 V.S.A. § 2414](#), and thereafter ensured that all members' forms were posted on that website as required.

Finally, during this past year, individual members of the Panel reported receiving two member requests for ethical advice.