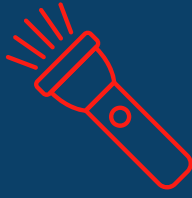


LIGHTS ON LOBBYING



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LOCATED AT
CAPITOL ROOM
310
(OLD APPROPS)

2025 ANNUAL LOBBYIST TRAINING

Arrive 15 minutes before your session to register!

Wednesday, January 15

Code of Ethics for Lobbyists - 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Filing Lobbyist Forms 101 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Audit Preparation - 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Enforcement Processes - 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Background and
process information
for 2025 and future
audits!

CLICK HERE to register
to attend these
sessions today!

Questions? Contact Sarah Clark at sarah.r.clark@ct.gov OR 860-614-2981.

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2025 Resolution: File on Time



The following 2024 filings are **due January 10, 2025!**

- **ETH-2A Form** (Communicator Lobbyist annual report of compensation and/or reimbursements from client lobbyists)
- **ETH-2D Form** (Client Lobbyist 2024 3rd and 4th Quarter Financial Report)

Also, if applicable, **ETH-2B Form** (unreimbursed expenditures for the benefit of a public official) and **ETH-2C Form** (Communicator Lobbyists report for compensation and/or reimbursement from municipal governmental entities)

Please reach out if you have any questions!

Calendar your annual tasks

The [filing calendar for 2025](#) is now available on our website!

Stay informed

There are resources for you on the web! Check out our guidebooks, opinions, and other important information at ct.gov/ethics.

Phone a friend

Do you have any questions you would like addressed in an upcoming newsletter? Would you like to schedule a training for your firm or clients? Contact Sarah Clark at sarah.r.clark@ct.gov OR 860-614-2981.

One shot, one opportunity: Legislative Receptions

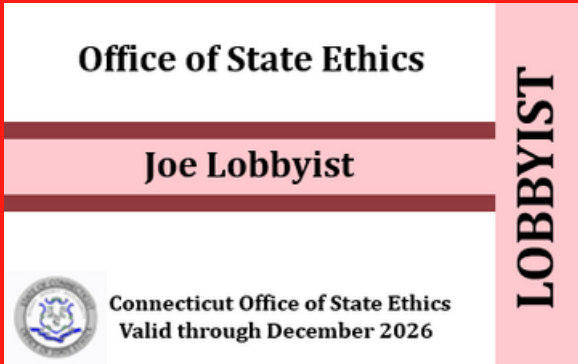


Registered lobbyists may hold **one of two types** of legislative reception per year for CT General Assembly (CGA) members.

CGS § 1-91 (7) (J) and (K).

1. A publicly-noticed legislative reception to which all CGA members are invited and the cost for food and beverage does not exceed \$49.99 per person; **or**
2. A regional reception to which all CGA members from a particular region in the state are invited and the cost for food and beverage does not exceed \$49.99 per person. (NOTE: Only regional organizations may utilize this type of reception.)

2025 – 2026 Badge Design



As voted on by the attendees on the 2024 Lobbyist Training, the 2025-2026 Badge design is pink and burgundy!

Remember, during the 2025-2026 biennium this is the only valid lobbyist badge. **Don't get caught wearing a badge that is SO "last year!"** Complete your registration to get the current credentials so you complete your important work in compliance with the Code!

Happening Now: 2025–2026 Biennial Lobbyist Registration

All Client and Communicator Lobbyists must register with the OSE on or before January 15 or prior to the commencement of lobbying whichever is later. **The registration fee is \$250 and the registration is valid for the 2025–2026 biennium.**

You are required by law to register as a lobbyist with the Office of State Ethics if you:

- Expend or agree to expend \$3,000 or more in a calendar year for lobbying and activities in furtherance of lobbying; OR
- Receive or agree to receive \$3,000 or more in a calendar year for lobbying and activities in furtherance of lobbying (including any reimbursements).

The \$3,000 registration threshold applies to **any combination of legislative and administrative lobbying and** activities in furtherance of lobbying.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please remember that municipalities and governmental organizations (e.g., regional councils of governments) are not required to register as a client lobbyist. Also, “[a] public official, employee of a branch of state government or a subdivision thereof, including an official or employee of a quasi-public agency, or elected or appointed official of a municipality or his or her designee other than an independent contractor, who is acting within the scope of his or her authority or employment” is exempt from the definition of a lobbyist. See CGS § 1-91 (12) (A). However, outside communicator lobbyists who represent municipalities and/or certain governmental organizations are required to register by completing the ETH-1A registration form and must file monthly and quarterly ETH-2C financial reports in accordance with the client lobbyist’s filing schedule. CHS § 1-96 (a).