

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Pursuant to §55-102 of the Putnam County Code of Ethics and Financial Disclosure Law

Under §55-102 of the Putnam County Code of Ethics and Financial Disclosure Law, Chapter 55 of the Code of Putnam County, the Board of Ethics is required to submit an annual report of its operations to the Legislature.

During 2009, the Board met nine times. Eight of those meetings were open to the public (except for executive sessions to review disclosure statements) and one meeting was entirely in executive session during the Board's investigation of a complaint.

Under the Code, one of the Board's primary responsibilities is to review the Financial Disclosure Statements filed by County officers and employees. The review is to assure that the filed forms are complete and responsive on their face to the requirements of the law. The Board's review is done in executive session. The following is the record of Financial Disclosure Forms reviewed and accepted or returned for clarification or completion during 2008:

January	Accepted	6 forms	Returned	2
February	Accepted	54 forms	Returned	13
March	Accepted	25 forms	Returned	3
April	Accepted	8 forms	Returned	4
May	Accepted	35 forms	Returned	9
June	Accepted	33 forms	Returned	13
September	Accepted	12 forms	Returned	2
December	Accepted	3 forms		

The following is a summary of the Board's other activities in 2009:

- Completed an investigation of a complaint relating to alleged activities of a County employee.
- Reviewed and issued advisory opinions regarding three inquiries about potential conflicts of interest.
- Reviewed and adopted a revision of the Board's Rules to be consistent with the revised Code and to clarify hearing procedures.
- Responded to concerns by members of several County Advisory Boards regarding the required submission of annual Financial Disclosure Statements.

Dated: January 8, 2010

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