

MICHIGAN

INTRODUCTION

The State Board of Ethics has the jurisdiction over appointed executive branch officials and executive branch employees. [MICH. COMP. LAWS §§ 15.341\(b\)-\(c\), 15.345\(1\)](#). The Board does NOT have jurisdiction over elected executive branch officials, legislators or employees of the legislative branch. [MICH. COMP. LAWS § 15.341\(b\)-\(c\)](#).

SCOPE OF SANCTIONS

Personnel actions – Make recommendations to the body with supervisory responsibility.
[MICH. COMP. LAWS § 15.345\(5\)](#).

Injunctions – NONE

Fines – NONE

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS for 2016, 2017, and 2018, if available

1. How many complaints were filed?

2016 – This information cannot be determined.¹
2017 – This information cannot be determined.
2018 – This information cannot be determined.

2. How many complaints were dismissed?

2016 – This information cannot be determined.²
2017 – This information cannot be determined.
2018 – This information cannot be determined.

3. How many cases were resolved with a finding of no ethics violation?

2016 – 0 cases were resolved with a finding of no ethics violation.³
2017 – 0 cases were resolved with a finding of no ethics violation.⁴
2018 – 0 cases were resolved with a finding of no ethics violation.⁵

4. How many cases were resolved with a finding of an ethics violation?

2016 – 0 cases were resolved with a finding of an ethics violation.⁶
2017 – 0 cases were resolved with a finding of an ethics violation.⁷
2018 – 0 cases were resolved with a finding of an ethics violation.⁸

5. What sanction was adopted?

2016 – No sanctions were adopted.⁹
2017 – No sanctions were adopted.¹⁰

2018 – No sanctions were adopted.¹¹

ARE THE DECISIONS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE?

Yes – complaint decisions are published to the agency website.¹²

SOURCES

Advisory Opinions and Complaint Decisions, Accessed May 23, 2019,
<https://civilservice.state.mi.us/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=ethics:ethics02>

Email Correspondence, Michigan Ethics Board, May 29, 2019.

NOTES

There is no information available regarding complaints and no decisions posted since 2015. The Michigan Ethics Board confirmed in their review that this means no cases reached the decision stage between 2016 and 2018.

The agency stated, “No complaints involving persons and subject matter under the board’s jurisdiction were filed from 2016 to 2018. The board has received several complaints during this period that were administratively dismissed because they addressed actions by persons over whom the board has no authority, (e.g., local officials, private companies, etc.), addressed alleged ethics violations outside the seven enumerated statutory standards in MCL 15.342 or both. The board does not compile statistics on these complaints.”

¹ Email correspondence with Ethics agency, on May 29, 2019. The email stated that the board received several complaints during the period that were administratively dismissed for lack of jurisdiction, however, the board does not compile statistics on these complaints that are dismissed. Therefore, the information on number of complaints filed cannot be determined.

² Ibid. Similarly, the number of complaints dismissed cannot be determined.

³ Advisory Opinions and Complaint Decisions, Accessed May 23, 2019.

⁴ Ibid

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Ibid

⁷ Ibid

⁸ Ibid

⁹ Ibid

¹⁰ Ibid

¹¹ Ibid

¹² Advisory Opinions and Complaint Decisions