

INVESTIGATORY REVIEW PROCEDURE- OVERVIEW

Purpose

The purpose of the investigatory review is to determine whether specific substantiated evidence from a credible source(s) exists to support a reasonable belief that there has been a violation of the Code of Ethics.

Participation

During an investigatory review, neither party may address the panel nor present evidence.

Determination

- If after reviewing the complaint the ethics panel by majority vote determines that no specific, substantiated evidence from a credible source(s) exists to support a reasonable belief that there has been a violation of the Code of Ethics or determines that no violation occurred, it may dismiss the complaint without further proceedings. In the event a complaint is dismissed based upon the merits of the complaint, the complaint may not be refiled.
- If the ethics panel determines that specific, substantiated evidence from a credible source(s) exists to support a reasonable belief that there has been a violation of the Code of Ethics, the panel may elect to send the complaint to an evidentiary hearing.