

**TO: Members  
Commission on Ethics**

**FROM: Chris Anderson**   
**Executive Director**

**DATE: May 19, 2021**

**RE: Spending Authority**

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My spending authority is limited to \$10,000, so I need the Commission's approval to make the following expenditures:

1. The Commission will enter the third year of its three-year contract with Westlaw on July 1. The monthly charges for the year will total \$18,829.56.
2. Each year, the Commission contracts with the Attorney General's office for the Service of two Assistant Attorneys General to serve as Commission Advocates, and one paralegal specialist. The contract amount for FY 2021-2022 is \$400,000, which covers salary and benefits for these three positions, as well as associated costs such as travel, per diem, and litigation expenses. The contract amount has not increased since FY 2015-2016 when it was increased to its current rate of \$376,830.

Both items have been included in our budget request, as they are every year, and I ask the Commission's approval to make the expenditures.