

Hotline. Every complaint, except a complaint submitted through the Ethics and Compliance Hotline, must include the complainant's correct name, an address at which mail can be delivered to the complainant, and a daytime telephone number. ~~A person submitting a Hotline complaint may request his or her name and address be considered confidential and redacted from public documents.~~ Anyone submitting a complaint may be asked for additional information about the complaint by the Board and shall cooperate with the Board in providing pertinent information. The Board shall maintain confidentiality relating to a complaint or the substance of any investigation until the Board completes its review of the complaint and provides its report to the Commission.

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The Board shall provide guidance whether a factual situation involving a commissioner presents a violation of the Code when requested by that commissioner.

The Board shall initially consider all complaints to determine whether the complaint was properly submitted and warrants investigation. Complaints that are not properly submitted or that present no reasonable basis for the conclusion that the Code has been violated shall be dismissed. If the Board determines that the complaint warrants investigation, it may conduct the investigation itself or delegate the performance of the investigation to an appropriate individual or firm.

The Board or delegated investigator shall promptly conduct its investigation. The Board or delegated investigator may request that individuals or firms appear before the Board or delegated investigator to answer questions and provide information, including any form of recorded information. The Board or delegated investigator may require that