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Dear Section Members,

I wanted to provide you with an update on activities in the legislative and campaign law arena that may be important to you as members.

New Commissioners. The Texas Ethics Commission recently welcomed two new commissioners to the dais – Chris Flood and Randy Erben. Flood is a white collar criminal defense attorney in Houston, and Erben is the former legislative director to Gov. Greg Abbott and former general counsel to Texans for Rick Perry.

Updates from the Jan 31 TEC Meeting. The Texas Ethics Commission met to discuss new rules and advisory opinions. [Click here to read an update from that meeting.](#)

2018 L&C Annual Meeting. The Legislative & Campaign Law Section will have its own annual meeting here in Austin this year. Details are being finalized now, but there will be minimal meetings and maximum socializing. Stay tuned.

Ethics & Election News. Here are some articles of note from around the country regarding legislative and campaign law issues.

[Keep tabs on the developing fight between public schools and the Attorney General](#)

[A new article on the enforcement powers of the Texas Ethics Commission for non-compliance](#)

[Three Money-in-Politics Trends You May Have Missed in 2017](#)

[New trend? Funding political expenditures entirely through debt to avoid reporting](#)

Please email me if you have any suggestions as to how the section can better serve you — or if you are aware of information or articles that would be appropriate for this periodic e-newsletter.

Sincerely,

[Andrew Cates](#), Chair
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