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Campaign Finance and Practices

Complaint Form (08/17)

Type or print in ink all information on this form except for verification signature

Person bringing complaint (Complainant):

Complete Name Aaron James Lewis
Complete Mailing Address 118 Dudley St #2 P.O. Box 722
East Helena MT 59635
Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home 406 240 3000

Person or organization against whom complaint is brought (Respondent):

Complete Name Wilmot Collins
Complete Mailing Address P.O. Box 458
Helena MT 59624
Phone Numbers: Work _____ Home _____

Please complete the second page of this form and describe in detail the facts of the alleged violation.

Verification by oath or affirmation

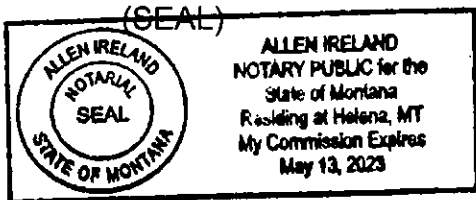
State of Montana, County of Lewis & Clark

I, Aaron James Lewis, being duly sworn, state that the information in this Complaint is complete, true, and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Aaron James Lewis
Signature of Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of August, 2021.

Allen Ireland
Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 5/13/23

Statement of facts:

Describe in detail the alleged violation(s) and cite the statute or statutes you believe have been violated. Please attach copies of documentary evidence to support the facts alleged in your statement.

If the space provided below is insufficient, you may attach additional pages as necessary.

This complaint against candidate Wilmot Collins serves to call to attention the overage amount this candidate has accepted from contributor Rossini Clark. In 4 separate donations, Collins has accepted donations from Rossini Clark, a resident of Maryland, in the amounts of \$50.00, \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$50.00, totalling \$250.00. This is \$70.00 over the limit. The current limit for campaign contributions is \$180.00 per election, per current MCA, and noted on the Commissioner of Political Practices website as well.

Additionally, the reporting on this contributor is missing the apartment number on one of the reported amounts for \$100.00, a requirement for the correct address of a contributor.

MCA 13-37-229 (c) states:

13-37-229. Disclosure requirements for candidates, ballot issue committees, political party committees, and independent committees. (1) The reports required under 13-37-225 through 13-37-227 from candidates, ballot issue committees, political party committees, and independent committees must disclose the following information concerning contributions received:

(1)(b) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and employer, if any, of each person who has made aggregate contributions, other than loans, of \$35 or more to a candidate or political committee, including the purchase of tickets and other items for events, such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events;

(1)(c) for each person identified under subsection (1)(b) the aggregate amount of contributions made by that person within the reporting period and the total amount of contributions made by that person for all reporting periods;

I hope this matter will be dealt with in the same fashion as any other candidate who would accept more campaign funds than they are allowed by limits to do so. The rules apply to everyone. Please see the attached items in support of this claim.

Complaints must be:

- **signed**
- **notarized**
- **delivered in person or by mail.**

Public Access Search Results Search results for candidates and committees.

- [Candidates](#)
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- [Contributors](#)

Candidate List

Display records

Search:

Candidate Name	Year	Status	C-3	Address	Campaign Office	County
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Committee List

Display records

Search:

Committee Name	Year	Status	Address	Committee Type
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Instructions

To view contributions select the checkbox next to the candidate and then click on the 'View Contributions' button. To return to the Search Page, click on the 'New Search' button.

Candidate: Collins, Wilmot J.

Display records

Search:

Date	Amount	Total to Date	Contributor Name	Address
	\$50.00	\$50.00 (P) \$0.00 (G)	CLARK, ROSSINI	4300 RUSSELL AVENUE #4, MOUNT RAINER, MD 20712
	\$100.00	\$100.00 (P) \$0.00 (G)	CLARK, ROSSINI	4300 RUSSELL AVENUE, MT RAINER, MD 20712
	\$50.00	\$50.00 (P) \$0.00 (G)	CLARK, ROSSINI	4300 RUSSELL AVENUE #4, MOUNT RAINER, MD 20712
	\$50.00	\$50.00 (P) \$0.00 (G)	CLARK, ROSSINI	4300 RUSSELL AVENUE #4, MOUNT RAINER, MD 20712

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Contribution Limits

STATE OF MONTANA POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS SUMMARY

This guide is just a summary - for complete requirements, see [13-35-227, MCA](#) and [13-37, MCA](#), and [44.11.226 and 227, ARM](#).

[Printable PDF - CLICK HERE](#) (Subject to Change on October 1, 2021 - SB224)

CANDIDATES

To Own Campaign: No Limit

INDIVIDUAL Human Being

To a Political Party Committee: No Limit

To a Political Action Committee: No Limit

To a Ballot Issue Committee: No Limit

To a candidate for Governor/Lt. Governor: \$710 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office*: \$360 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office**: \$180 per election

POLITICAL COMMITTEES

To a Political Party Committee: No Limit

To a Political Action Committee: No Limit

To a Ballot Issue Committee: No Limit

INDEPENDENT POLITICAL COMMITTEES (PACs)

To a candidate for Governor/Lt. Governor: \$710 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office*: \$360 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office**: \$180 per election

AGGREGATE PAC LIMITS FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

To a candidate for State Senate: \$3,050

To a candidate for State House: \$1,850

POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES (Aggregate limits from ALL political party committees)

Please Note: Political Party Committees may not contribute to candidates for judicial offices (i.e. Supreme Court Justice, District Judge, Justice of the Peace). A political party committee may endorse a candidate for judicial office and make independent expenditure relating to such an election. See *Sanders County Republican Party v. Bullock*, 698 F3d 741 (9th Cir, 2012). See also personnel services exception [ARM 44.11.225 \(3\)](#).

To a candidate for Governor/Lt. Governor: \$25,600 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office*: \$9,250 per election

To a candidate for Public Service Commission: \$3,700 per election



To a candidate for State Senate: \$1,500 per election
To all other elected offices: \$900 per election

CORPORATIONS OR UNIONS

May NOT contribute directly or indirectly to a candidate, [§ MCA 13-35-227](#).

* Other Statewide Office

Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supreme Court Justice, Clerk of the Supreme Court

** Other Public Office

State District (Public Service Commissioner, State Senate, State House of Representatives, District Judge)
County (All County Elected Officials)
City (All City Elected Officials)
School (All School Districts)
Trustees

Per election - MCA 13-37-216(5) "... election means the general election or primary election that involves two or more candidates for the same nomination. If there is not a contested primary, there is only one election to which the contribution limits apply. If there is a contested primary, then there are two elections to which the contribution limits apply."

Frequently Asked Questions

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- [10/23/17 - Ninth Circuit Decision Re: Lair v. Motl](#)
- [Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Decision - Lair v. Motl](#)
- [5/2/18 - Ninth Circuit Denial of Petition for Rehearing Lair v. Motl](#)
- [Montana Code of Ethics and the Gift Ban](#)
- [Public Employee Political Activity While at Work](#)

GUIDANCE

- [Information for 2018 and 2020 Candidates Who Declared Prior To 10/23/17](#)
- [Campaign Accounts and Banking Requirements](#)

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Montana Code Annotated 2019

TITLE 13. ELECTIONS

CHAPTER 37. CONTROL OF CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

Part 2. Campaign Finance

Disclosure Requirements For Candidates, Ballot Issue Committees, Political Party Committees, And Independent Committees

13-37-229. Disclosure requirements for candidates, ballot issue committees, political party committees, and independent committees. (1) The reports required under **13-37-225** through **13-37-227** from candidates, ballot issue committees, political party committees, and independent committees must disclose the following information concerning contributions received:

- (a) the amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the reporting period;
- (b) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and employer, if any, of each person who has made aggregate contributions, other than loans, of \$35 or more to a candidate or political committee, including the purchase of tickets and other items for events, such as dinners, luncheons, rallies, and similar fundraising events;
- (c) for each person identified under subsection (1)(b), the aggregate amount of contributions made by that person within the reporting period and the total amount of contributions made by that person for all reporting periods;
- (d) the total sum of individual contributions made to or for a political committee or candidate and not reported under subsections (1)(b) and (1)(c);
- (e) the name and address of each political committee or candidate from which the reporting committee or candidate received any transfer of funds, together with the amount and dates of all transfers;
- (f) each loan from any person during the reporting period, together with the full names, mailing addresses, occupations, and employers, if any, of the lender and endorsers, if any, and the date and amount of each loan;
- (g) the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed to a political committee or candidate, in the form prescribed by the commissioner;
- (h) an itemized account of proceeds that total less than \$35 from a person from mass collections made at fundraising events;
- (i) each contribution, rebate, refund, or other receipt not otherwise listed under subsections (1)(b) through (1)(h) during the reporting period;
- (j) the total sum of all receipts received by or for the committee or candidate during the reporting period; and
- (k) other information that may be required by the commissioner to fully disclose the sources of funds used to support or oppose candidates or issues.

(2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (2)(c), the reports required under 13-37-225 through 13-37-227 from candidates, ballot issue committees, political party committees, and independent committees must disclose the following information concerning expenditures made:

(i) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of each person to whom expenditures have been made by the committee or candidate during the reporting period, including the amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure and the total amount of expenditures made to each person;

(ii) the full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of each person to whom an expenditure for personal services, salaries, and reimbursed expenses has been made, including the amount, date, and purpose of that expenditure and the total amount of expenditures made to each person;

(iii) the total sum of expenditures made by a political committee or candidate during the reporting period;

(iv) the name and address of each political committee or candidate to which the reporting committee or candidate made any transfer of funds, together with the amount and dates of all transfers;

(v) the name of any person to whom a loan was made during the reporting period, including the full name, mailing address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of that person and the full names, mailing addresses, occupations, and principal places of business, if any, of the endorsers, if any, and the date and amount of each loan;

(vi) the amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by a political committee or candidate in the form prescribed by the commissioner; and

(vii) other information that may be required by the commissioner to fully disclose the disposition of funds used to support or oppose candidates or issues.

(b) Reports of expenditures made to a consultant, advertising agency, polling firm, or other person that performs services for or on behalf of a candidate or political committee must be itemized and described in sufficient detail to disclose the specific services performed by the entity to which payment or reimbursement was made.

(c) A candidate is required to report the information specified in this subsection (2) only if the transactions involved were undertaken for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate.

History: En. 23-4779 by Sec. 4, Ch. 480, L. 1975; R.C.M. 1947, 23-4779(1) through (9), (part (16)); amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 36, L. 1987; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 75, L. 1991; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 462, L. 2003; amd. Sec. 13, Ch. 259, L. 2015.