

Ethics and the Idaho Legislature

Wednesday, January 11th, 2017

1:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Capitol Auditorium

1:45 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Senate Pro Tem Brent Hill and Speaker Scott Bedke

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Strengthening a Culture of Ethics in Government

Scott Raecker, Director of the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center, Drake University.

Mr. Raecker is a former Iowa state legislator from Des Moines with 14 years of distinguished service, including terms as chair of appropriations and ethics committees. As Director of the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University he oversees a regional, national and global resource for applied research and programming in the areas of leadership, ethics and civility. The Ray Center is a national partner of the Josephson Institute of Ethics, where Mr. Raecker previously served as both Chairman of the Board and CEO. Mr. Raecker is also past chair of the Midwest Council of Government's Legislative Leadership Institute.

This session will focus on steps legislators can take to strengthen a culture of ethics in the Idaho Legislature. Mr. Raecker will share firsthand experience from his years as a legislator and from his professional career in ethics.

3:00 – 3:10 p.m.

Break

3:10 – 3:55 p.m.

Conflicts of Interest, the Public Trust, and Communications

Brian Kane, Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General

This session will focus on the inherent conflicts of interest that exist in a citizen legislature and discuss when it is appropriate to declare a conflict of interest. The session will also review Title 18 statutes and clarify what constitutes using a public position for personal gain. Other topics covered will be guidelines for using your state e-mail, distinctions between official business, personal business and campaign business, and what is a public record

3:55 – 4:10 p.m.

Money and Campaigns

Lawrence Denney, Idaho Secretary of State

Tim Hurst, Chief Deputy Secretary of State

This session will highlight the appropriate use of campaign funds and what to avoid when soliciting campaign contributions. It will also cover best practices when working with lobbyists.

4:10 – 4:30 p.m.

House and Senate Groups--Q and A Session

Senate Pro Tem Brent Hill

Speaker Scott Bedke