

State of Minnesota
Office of the Legislative Auditor

Allegation Form

First, please review the attached information sheet about the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA), which will help you understand the Legislative Auditor's investigative authority and process. If you decide to file an allegation with OLA, please complete this form as thoroughly as possible. The more information you provide, the better we can assess and respond to your concern.

All of the information requested that could be used to identify you (e.g., your name, address, telephone number, etc.) will be classified as private data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, *Minnesota Statutes* 2006, Chapter 13. Access to your private data will be limited to those OLA staff that review your allegation.

Mail the completed form to the address below. **DO NOT FAX OR E-MAIL**; those are not secure ways to send private information. If you provide your mailing address, we will inform you by letter within two weeks what additional action the office will take.

Please mail the completed form to:

Office of the Legislative Auditor
Centennial Building, Room 140
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Information About You: You are not required to provide your name or other contact information. However, if you do not, we will be unable to inform you about our decision or consult with you about your allegation. All of the information in this section will be classified as private and available only to the staff at OLA that review your allegation.

Your name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Day phone: _____ Night phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

If you are a public employee, please tell us:

Your employer: _____

Your position: _____

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Investigations

The Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) is a nonpartisan, professional office in the legislative branch of Minnesota state government. OLA primarily audits and evaluates organizations and programs in state government's executive and judicial branches; the State Auditor, an elected official, audits local governments.

OLA will accept allegations from any source, but will initiate an investigation only after assessing the allegation and determining that an investigation by OLA is appropriate and necessary. OLA will consider other options, including: (1) address the issue in a future audit, (2) refer the issue to another office that can more appropriately conduct an investigation, or (3) take no action.

The Legislative Auditor has statutory authority to investigate allegations of financial impropriety when public money is involved. As with audits and evaluations, OLA investigations primarily focus on organizations and employees in state government. However, OLA also has authority to investigate alleged misuse of public money by several metropolitan and "quasi-government" organizations, as well as private organizations that receive money from the state. The following are among the organizations explicitly subject to OLA's review:

- State Executive Branch departments, agencies, offices, boards, commissions
- Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- University of Minnesota
- State Court System (District Courts, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court)
- State Agricultural Society (State Fair)
- Agricultural Utilization Research Institute
- Minnesota Technology, Inc.
- Minnesota Historical Society
- Labor Interpretive Center
- Clear Way (formerly the Minnesota Partnership for Action Against Tobacco)
- Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission
- Metropolitan Airports Commission
- Metropolitan Mosquito Control District

Additional information about the Legislative Auditor's authority and jurisdiction can be found on OLA's web site at: www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us.