

A Pledge for a Clean Attorney General's Office

Ohioans need and deserve an Attorney General's office that is a model of public integrity. Newspaper investigations over the past year have raised doubt as to the integrity of the selection process for special counsel and vendors employed by the Attorney General.

As a candidate for Attorney General, we understand the importance of restoring public confidence in the office. As such, we make the following pledge:

1. We will **investigate past instances of the appearance of bid-rigging**, revoke any contracts that clearly resulted from a rigged bid, and hold those involved accountable.
2. We will implement a **written, transparent policy describing a clear process and criteria** to be used in selecting firms and vendors that do important work for the office. That policy will include **clear merit-based criteria, and a scoring system** that reflects appropriate experience and performance.
3. We will require that all recommendations and score sheets from any request for proposals, request for qualifications, or other bid processes **be written** so that there is a public record of decision-making used to select vendors and firms.
4. We will not **solicit or accept funds from law firms or other vendors within at least two months** of any request for proposal, request for qualification, or other formal bid process that takes place in which those firms or vendors compete (this includes solicitations to any accounts—campaign or state or county parties).
5. We will communicate to those seeking work for the Attorney General's Office that **contributing to the attorney general's candidate or party accounts within two months of a bid window will render them ineligible** from consideration from that bid process. I will impose a similar blackout period on lobbyists meeting with office staff making these determinations within two months of the bid window.
6. We will **post the list** of those doing work for the Attorney General's Office on the Attorney General's website.

David Pepper

Date

9/30/14

Mike DeWine

Date