

ACCG County Attorney Listserv Policy

Purpose

It is the intent of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) to provide a forum for county attorneys to effectively communicate, share ideas, documents, and information, seek guidance, and provide advice to their colleagues in county government. To that end, ACCG has created a listserv for county attorneys for this purpose.

Qualifications for Listserv Users

Any county attorney, or assistant county attorney upon request by the county attorney, is eligible to register for and use the ACCG County Attorney Listserv as long as they are retained or employed by the county and adhere to the listserv guidelines. ACCG shall have the authority to provide access to the county attorney listserv to ACCG legal staff and on a case-by-case basis to non-county attorneys that have a specialized practice area that is beneficial to and of interest to county attorneys.

Listsrv Registration Procedure

Any qualified listserv user may register to use the listserv by submitting a request to the ACCG legal staff. The request shall contain their full name, county that they represent, and the same information for any assistant county attorneys for which the county attorney would like to have access, if applicable. Non-county attorneys must provide their full name, name of their law firm, and area of practice. ACCG shall have final determination on who is granted access to the listserv.

Listsrv Guidelines

In order to be a member in good standing of the listserv, the participants must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Be respectful of the members of the listserv.
2. Do not use profanity or foul language.
3. Limit commentary to the subject matter being discussed.
4. Limit commentary that is not specifically related to a legal issue.
5. Do not forward or provide copies of messages provided on the listserv to non-listserv members.
6. Limit political commentary except to the extent related to the policy question or discussion underway.

Violations of Listserv Policy and Reinstatement Process

Any listserv member who violates the listserv guidelines shall be removed from the listserv by ACCG upon review. Once a member has been removed, they may petition ACCG to be reinstated three months after they have been removed. ACCG shall have the authority to review the circumstances of the removal and may reinstate the user if warranted. Final determination by ACCG shall be final.

Listsrv Member Review

ACCG shall periodically review the members of the listserv to ensure that all members are current county attorneys, staff, or otherwise properly approved members. Such review shall be at least on an annual basis. Any member who cannot be identified and refuses to identify themselves as an approved member will be removed during this process.

Caveats

While ACCG limits access to the listserv as a matter of practice, all members should be aware that the emails may be subject to disclosure under the open records law.

Though ACCG will make reasonable attempts to protect listserv emails, members should remember that no system is completely secure.

Emails on the listserv do not constitute legal advice and do not form an attorney-client relationship between members and/or ACCG.