

It Is Not a Joke: Annual New Jersey Pay-to-Play Filing Due April 1!

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Business entities that in 2018 received \$50,000 or more in contracts with state or local government agencies in New Jersey must file an annual disclosure statement of political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission by April 1, 2019.

This "Business Entity Annual Statement" (Form BE) requires electronic reporting of cash contributions of any amount and non-cash contributions in excess of \$300 to a long list of campaign, party, and political committees. Reportable contributions include those made by the business entity, the owners of more than 10% of the business entity; principals, partners, officers, directors, and trustees of the business entity (and their spouses); subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; and a continuing political committee that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity.

Reports are due even if no reportable contributions have been made. For more information, see the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission website. Wiley Rein has extensive experience with this annual report as well as with the labyrinth of other pay-to-play laws in New Jersey and elsewhere around the country.

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