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RECENT LOBBYING, ETHICS & CAMPAIGN FINANCE UPDATES

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Welcome to *Compliance Notes* from Nossaman's **Government Relations & Regulation Group** – a periodic digest of the headlines, statutory and regulatory changes and court cases involving campaign finance, lobbying compliance, election law and government ethics issues at the federal, state and local level.

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Campaign Finance & Lobbying Compliance

National Republican Campaign Committee (“NRCC”) will begin soliciting crypto-currency contributions, making it the first national party committee to do so. (Max Greenwood, *The Hill*)

U.S. Representative Alex Mooney is reportedly under investigation by the Office of Congressional Ethics for the personal use of campaign funds at gift shops, resorts and travel. (Lacie Pierson, *Huntington Herald-Dispatch*)

Nebraska: An out-of-state nonprofit – Collective Prosperity – paid the highest penalty related to not filing campaign finance reports in the state’s history. It failed to timely file required reports by out-of-state donors of \$10,000 or more to a Nebraska campaign. (Martha Stoddard, *Omaha World-Herald*)

New Mexico: State regulators concluded that Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham did not violate state campaign finance laws by paying her daughter \$6,000 for hair and makeup styling services because such expenses were “reasonably attributable to the candidate’s campaign. . . .” (Dom Calicchio, Fox News)

Washington: Google has agreed to pay \$400,000 to the state for failing to keep records related to political ads run in the state, as required by state law. (David Gutman, *Seattle Times*)

Government Ethics & Transparency

Government ethics experts have raised questions about the hiring of three out of four of White House senior adviser Steve Richetti’s children to government positions in three different executive branch agencies. (Courtney Buble, Government Executive)

North Dakota: The State Investment Board has come under scrutiny for its no-bid contracting process, as well as using consulting firm, Callan. The firm recommends investment advisers to the state while at the same time selling research and other educational material to those advisers. (Patrick Spring, InForUm)

Georgia: The chair of the state ethics commission, Jake Evans, is stepping down to run for the U.S. House of Representatives. (Greg Bluestein, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*)