

Ethics Staff Guidance on Contributions by Lobbyists, their Clients and Firms

	Can a lobbyist contribute?	Can a client or lobbying firm contribute?
During Session		
To current officials (Governor, Constitutional Officers, and Legislators)	NO	NO
To caucus PACs, leadership PACs, and other committees led by officials	NO	NO
During Session - for a Special Election		
To current officials (Governor, Constitutional Officers, and Legislators)	NO (unless the lobbyist can vote for the official in a special election)	NO (unless related to a special election)
To caucus PACs, leadership PACs, and other committees led by officials	NO	NO (unless related to a special election)
After Session		
To current officials (Governor and Legislators)	NO (unless the lobbyist can vote for the official in the election)	YES
To caucus PACs, leadership PACs, and other committees led by officials	YES	YES
At All Times		
To other candidates for Governor or the Legislature (not officials)	NO (unless the lobbyist can vote for the candidate in the election)	YES

Other scenarios? Please consult 1 M.R.S. § 1015-A or call Ethics at 287-4179.