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## Information

### FEC Advisory Opinions Now on the Internet

On August 15, 1999, the Commission made its advisory opinions (AOs) issued since 1977 available on its Web site. AOs are official Commission responses to questions relating to the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act to a specific, factual situation. The public can now search for AOs by using words or phrases or can retrieve an advisory opinion by entering the year and AO number. To use the AO search system, once on the FEC's Web site (<http://www.fec.gov>), click on "[Search and Retrieve Commission Advisory Opinions.](#)" For more information, call the FEC at 800/424-9530 or 202/694-1100. ♦

## Regulations

### Definition of Membership Organization and Member: Final Rules

On July 22, the Commission approved final rules—and the Explanation and Justification for the rules—that govern who qualifies as a "member" of a membership organization. The final rules were transmitted to Congress on July 23, 1999, and published in the July 30, 1999, *Federal Register*. Unless Congress enacts and the President signs legislation disapproving the regulations, the date the regulations take effect will be published in the *Federal Register* following the review period.

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## Campaign Guide for Candidates Now Available

A revised *Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees* is now available from the Commission. The Guide provides clear guidelines on:

- Contribution limits and prohibitions;
- Sources of candidate support;
- Campaign activity; and
- Recordkeeping and reporting.

The new Guide has been sent to every registered candidate committee. Copies are available for free by calling 800/424-9530 (press 1) or 202/694-1100. Additionally, the new Guide can be accessed from the FEC's Web site (<http://www.fec.gov>) by clicking on "[Help for Candidates, Parties and PACs.](#)" ♦





































