

Legal Consequences for Breaching Confidentiality

Alaska Statutes Title 11. Criminal Law § 11.56.850. Official misconduct

- (a) A public servant commits the crime of official misconduct if, with intent to obtain a benefit or to injure or deprive another person of a benefit, the public servant
 - (1) performs an act relating to the public servant's office but constituting an unauthorized exercise of the public servant's official functions, knowing that that act is unauthorized; or
 - (2) knowingly refrains from performing a duty which is imposed upon the public servant by law or is clearly inherent in the nature of the public servant's office.
- (b) Official misconduct is a class A misdemeanor.

Alaska Statutes Title 11. Criminal Law § 11.56.860. Misuse of confidential information

- (a) A person who is or has been a public servant commits the crime of misuse of confidential information if the person
 - (1) learns confidential information through employment as a public servant; and
 - (2) while in office or after leaving office, uses the confidential information for personal gain or in a manner not connected with the performance of official duties other than by giving sworn testimony or evidence in a legal proceeding in conformity with a court order.
 - (b) As used in this section, “confidential information” means information which has been classified confidential by law.
 - (c) Misuse of confidential information is a class A misdemeanor.
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