



STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Background on the independent investigations

June 14, 2022

Two independent investigations into allegations of misconduct are expected to be released in the coming weeks. Both investigators were selected by a panel of legislative and executive branch leaders. The Governor's Office, Attorney General's Office, and General Assembly appointed the following leaders to serve on the panel that selected the investigators:

- Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Pete Lee
- House Judiciary Committee Vice-Chair Kerry Tipper
- Representative Adrienne Benavidez
- Senator Bob Gardner
- Representative Terri Carver
- Jacki Cooper Melmed, who then served as chief legal counsel for Governor Polis
- Kara Veitch, who then served as executive director of the Department of Personnel and Administration
- Maritza Dominguez Braswell, who then served as the Deputy Attorney General overseeing the Civil Litigation and Employment Law section at the Department of Law

That panel solicited an RFP and then interviewed prospective firms. The panel chose RCT Ltd, a firm led by former United States Attorney Robert Troyer, to investigate the issues surrounding a leadership contract. The panel chose Investigations Law Group to conduct an investigation into the so-called "memo" as well as issues related to the culture of the workplace in Colorado's courts.

The following are key dates in the process of these investigations:

- February 19, 2021, panel named to recommend independent investigators
- February 25, 2021, first panel meeting
- August 5, 2021, panel recommends RCT Ltd (Robert Troyer) to investigate leadership contract; Investigations Law Group (ILG) to investigate allegations of workplace harassment
- October 12, 2021, Judicial Department executes \$75,000 contract with RCT Ltd. Contract period is 6 months with option for a single 12-month extension.
- November 1, 2021, Judicial Department executes \$250,000 contract with Investigations Law Group. Contract period is 5 months with the option of a single seven-month contract.
- April 2022, ILG granted an extension at its request.
- April 2022, RCT granted an extension at its request.
- June 2022, a second and final extension granted to ILG at its request. Extension runs through July 29.
- June 2022, a second and final extension granted to RTC at its request. Extension runs through June 29.

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