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The Ohio Inspector General has issued a report of investigation today which began after receiving an anonymous complaint alleging several Ohio Industrial Commission hearing officers engaged in inappropriate conduct during an event the evening before a two-day conference at Maumee State Park.

The inspector general's investigation found the evening event was held at a state park cabin rented by a Cleveland-based law firm. The law firm had one attorney planning to attend the two-day Ohio Industrial Commission business conference. To gain a better understanding of the activities which took place at the event, the inspector general interviewed the Ohio Industrial Commission employees attending, and the private attorneys hosting the evening event. The cabin rented by the law firm featured a hot-tub, and alcoholic beverages and other refreshments were present.

The evidence reviewed did not reveal violations of either policy or law. However, the circumstances presented an appearance of impropriety, and the Ohio Industrial Commission has been given a set of recommendations with a request to respond to the inspector general within 60 days.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2013-CA00070 is now available at:

<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2014Investigations.aspx>

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