

June 22, 2009

Quarterly Training at OSE

The OSE will host the third of its quarterly training sessions on Part I of the Code of Ethics for State Employees at its office on July 15, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This is the perfect opportunity for new state employees as well as any employees who might have missed an in-person training event at your agency.

Space is limited to 15 participants and registration is required. The registration deadline for this session is July 9, 2009. To register, send an e-mail to meredith.trimble@ct.gov and include: participant's name, agency, e-mail address and phone number. Registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis. The OSE is located at 18-20 Trinity Street, Suite 205, Hartford, CT.

New Advisory Opinion

On June 18, 2009, the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board met and decided on one new opinion, summarized below. Click on the AO number to read the full text of the opinion.

AO 2009-5, Application of Post-State Employment Provisions to Employee of the Office of Ombudsman for Property Rights

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board concluded that the Executive Secretary to the Ombudsman for Property Rights may, after leaving state service, accept a job with a nonprofit organization that receives state funding, given that she was not involved at all in the negotiation or award of that funding. Further, the Office of Policy and Management—from which her position at the Ombudsman Office was "borrowed"—would not constitute her former agency for the purpose of the Code's "cooling-off" provision.

Online Filing for Departing Officials

Thank you for spreading the word to your departing officials regarding the SFI filing obligation for those who were designated. ([Original Notice](#)) These officials may file their SFIs (for the period of time they were in state service in 2009) online. Filers can access their online accounts through the [online filing system](#) using their user names and passwords established for the May 1 filing.

To complete the form as a departing official, an individual should create a new filing for Calendar Year 2009, check that he or she is not a current state employee or public official, and fill in his or her departure date from state service.

FAQ of the Month

Q: After I leave state service, I am temporarily prohibited from accepting employment with a party to a contract pursuant to the Code of Ethics (§ [1-84b \(f\) or \(g\)](#)). May I still accept employment with the party to the contract as an independent contractor rather than as a regular employee?

A: No, the proposed employment is still impermissible. Section 1-81-38 (d) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies provides that for purposes of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84b (f) and (g), employment includes work as in independent contractor.

As with any revolving-door or other questions, please remember that our office is here to help, and the staff attorneys in the Legal Division are pleased to provide assistance regarding specific situations.

Best regards,

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