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Advisory Opinion Update

On May 17, 2012 the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board met and decided on the opinion summarized below. Click on the AO number to read the full text of the opinion.

Advisory Opinion No. 2012-6, Application of the Code of Ethics for Necessary Expenses

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board concluded that a client registrant may pay a Connecticut state court judge's "necessary expenses" in connection with the judge's speech at the registrant's conference; that the client registrant must file a statement with the Office of State Ethics, within thirty days of payment, if the value of the "necessary expenses" is \$10 or more; and that there is no corresponding reporting obligation for the judge.

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Statements of Financial Interests – Agencies with 100% Compliance

Congratulations to the agencies listed on the [OSE website](#) for 100% timely SFI compliance. In particular, thank you to the agency liaisons that facilitated the process and no doubt contributed substantially to each agency's success. Letters and certificates, noting the hard work of the liaisons, have been mailed to agency heads.

In-Person Training

The OSE continues to offer to state agencies in-person training on the Code of Ethics. This training is provided free of charge.

Please schedule ethics training for new employees or annual training for employees who may have missed a training opportunity at your agency. Please submit a [Training Request Form](#) or contact Nancy Nicolescu: Phone: 860-263-2397 Email: Nancy.Nicolescu@ct.gov

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