

December 21, 2011

Advisory Opinion Update

On December 15, 2011 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. 2011-5](#), Application of the Code of Ethics to the University of Connecticut's Division of Athletics

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board concluded that a Connecticut company is a non-restricted donor for purposes of the Ethics Code, and its donation of a company airplane for use by University of Connecticut's Division of Athletics representatives and guests to travel in connection with University business constitutes a permissible gift to the state under § 1-79 (e) (5).

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The Holiday Season and Gifts

During the holiday season, take time to review our frequently asked questions concerning the [Holiday Season and Gifts](#), since certain gifts to state employees are generally not acceptable.

Education and Training 2012

Pursuant to Section 1-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes the Office of State Ethics is responsible to provide yearly training to all state employees regarding the Code of Ethics.

In-Person Training

The Office of State Ethics will continue to offer in-person training to public officials, state employees, lobbyists, state contractors, and other interested groups. To schedule a training workshop, please fill out the [Training Request Form](#) or contact the OSE at 860-263-2400.

The first monthly general training on the Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees will take place at the OSE on Wednesday, January 18th 2012. Please register new employees and any employee who may have missed a training opportunity.

The OSE is pleased to offer web-based training opportunities for public officials and state employees:

Online Training

This interactive, [online training](#) course on the Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees has recently been revised and updated to provide more content and to reflect changes in the law. Those who finish this training will receive a printable certificate to verify course completion.

Web-streaming Video

The [Web-streaming video](#) version of our comprehensive ethics training features presentations from numerous OSE staff members regarding the provisions of the Code of

Ethics. This training can be viewed as a whole, or in parts that cover specific sections of the law. Such training is also available on DVD; free copies are provided to state agencies and other regulated groups upon request.

Happy Holidays!

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