

# OSE NEWS JUNE 2013

## 2013 Legislative Session

The Connecticut General Assembly enacted ***Senate Bill 900, An Act Concerning Revisions to the State Codes of Ethics***, and currently awaits Governor Malloy's signature. [Public Act 13-244](#) makes several changes and strengthens the Connecticut Codes of Ethics for Public Officials and Lobbyists.

Stay tuned for detailed information on the application of the exemption for gifts to the state that support participation by a public official or state employee at an event that facilitates a state or quasi-public agency's action or function.

## Stipulation and Consent Order

[Docket No. 2012-26](#): In the Matter of a Complaint against Roger Thomas. On June 18, 2013, the Office of State Ethics entered into a Stipulation and Consent Order with the Respondent, Roger Thomas for violations of the Code of Ethics, General Statutes § 1-86 (a). The Complaint alleged that the Respondent, an employee at of the Department of Transportation, failed to inform his superiors or the Office of State Ethics when he was faced with a conflict of interest involving the hiring of his son by a contractor over which he had administrative oversight. Under the terms of the settlement, the Respondent was ordered to cease and desist from any future violation of the Code of Ethics and to pay a civil penalty of \$2,500.

## Action Item – Agency Ethics Statements/Policies

The Office of State Ethics has been collecting agency ethics statements and policies and when requested, providing legal review and advice. If you have not already done so, please e-mail your ethics statements/policies. Check our website to see if your Agency Ethics Statement is posted: [Liaison/Compliance Officers Listing](#)

## 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](mailto:Nancy.Nicolescu@ct.gov)

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