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## Advisory Opinion Update

On December 17, 2015 the *Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board* met and decided on the opinions, summarized below. Click on the Advisory Opinion number to read the full text of the opinions.

### [Advisory Opinion No. 2015-6](#) Application of General Statutes § 1-97(c)(2) to Lobbyists

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board concluded that the prohibition in General Statutes § 1-97 (c) (2)—which bars a lobbyist from “attempt[ing] to influence any legislative or administrative action for the purpose of thereafter being employed to secure its defeat”—is violated only if there is evidence (be it direct or circumstantial) of a lobbyist's “make-work” intent at the time he or she attempts to influence such action (i.e., intent to be employed afterward to secure its defeat).

### [Advisory Opinion No. 2015-7](#) Application of the Code of Ethics to Post State Employment

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board concluded that a former employee of the Department of Children and Families may engage in post-state employment in a position that would involve contact with staff of the Department of Children and Families without violating General Statutes § 1-84b (b) as she will be performing technical/nondiscretionary work implementing an existing contract between her new employer and her former state agency.

You may search Advisory Opinions by using the search engine located at the top right side of our website: [www.ct.gov/ethics](http://www.ct.gov/ethics).

## Office of State Ethics Publications

The Office of State Ethics has updated the following publication(s):

### Plain Language Guide for State Contractors

### [Guide to the Code of Ethics Current or Potential State Contractors](#)

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## Ethics Liaisons Only – Action Item - Designation of Filers - Statements of Financial Interests

Statements of Financial Interests (“SFIs”) serve as a tool to maximize public confidence in governmental decision making. The policy underlying this requirement has been in effect since the enactment of the Ethics Codes in 1977. An SFI provides a checklist or reminder to the public official or state employee to be mindful of potential conflicts of interest, and it provides a baseline of information which can be compared to subsequent years for the purpose of determining potential misuse of office for financial gain.

- **Please make certain your list of designated agency filers is complete and accurate in the filing system by Friday, March 4, 2016.**

**View:** [Governor Dannel P. Malloy's Standard and Designation Guidelines](#)

For assistance on how to maintain filers please contact us at 860-263-2400 or refer to the [Guide to the Statements of Financial Interests Filing System for Agency Ethics Liaisons](#)

The Office of State Ethics will notify each designated individual of his or her obligation to file on or about March 8, 2016.

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