

# OSE NEWS JUNE 2016

## Ethics Liaisons! Ethics eLearning @ CEA

Recently the Office of State Ethics was invited to include our **Ethics 101** course to the Connecticut Education Academy (CEA) Course Catalog. The Academy provides a flexible approach to state workforce training – offering online courses to supplement in-person instruction.

The CEA is a collaborative effort between the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and Charter Oak State College/Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium.

I am truly excited by this opportunity because I believe that it will provide you with another option to ensure that your agency meets the mandatory annual training requirement for all state employees regarding the Code of Ethics. This system can easily schedule, track, record and provide you with reports and certificates of completion for each of your employees with a few simple “clicks.”

If your agency would like to participate in the CEA, please contact Kevin Corcoran with the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium at [kcorcoran@ctdlc.org](mailto:kcorcoran@ctdlc.org) or 860-515-3737.

**Visit the website:** The Connecticut Education Academy: <https://academy.ctdlc.org/>

## Code of Ethics Training Options

### In-Person Training

The Office of State Ethics offers in-person training to public officials, state employees, lobbyists, state contractors, and other interested groups.

### Online Training

Our interactive, online training course accessed on our website at [www.ct.gov/ethics](http://www.ct.gov/ethics) provides an independent training module for existing and new employees to meet their annual training requirement. Those who finish this training will receive a printable certificate to verify course completion.

### Web-Streaming Video

#### Top Ten Rules for State Employees and Public Officials

Our 30-minute training video features the Top Ten Rules presentation and is an excellent refresher course. It can be utilized to meet the annual training requirement.



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## Notice of Intent to Issue Declaratory Ruling

**June 20, 2016**

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board (Board), Connecticut Office of State Ethics (OSE), hereby gives notice that, on June 13, 2016, Common Cause CT filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling with the OSE requesting that the Board address whether Insurance Commissioner Katharine Wade's Participation in the Cigna-Anthem merger would violate the State's Code of Ethics.

At its regular meeting held on June 16, 2016, the Board granted the Petition, agreeing to issue a Declaratory Ruling.

Pursuant to § 1-92-39b (a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Board is providing an opportunity for comments (relevant facts, legal arguments, and opinions) from persons interested in this issue.

The comment period will run for 30 days, commencing June 20, 2016. Comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. July 20, 2016, must reference proposed Declaratory Ruling No. 2016-A, and must be addressed to the Legal Division, CT Office of State Ethics, 18-20 Trinity St., 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. Comments may be filed electronically at [ose@ct.gov](mailto:ose@ct.gov) or on paper. All comments are "public records" and will be disclosed in their entirety under the State's Freedom of Information Act.

Common Cause's Petition and public information can be accessed at [www.ct.gov/ethics](http://www.ct.gov/ethics). All materials can be obtained at the OSE's offices.

For additional information contact: Legal Division, Office of State Ethics at 860-263-2400 or at [ose@ct.gov](mailto:ose@ct.gov).

## Advisory Opinion Update

Advisory Opinion No. 2016-1

### **Application of the Code of Ethics Concerning Post-State Employment**

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board concluded that a retired state trooper may engage in post-state employment as a police officer or constable with a municipality that is provided police services and supervision by DESPP.

Advisory Opinion No. 2016-2

### **Application of the Code of Ethics Concerning Revolving Door Provisions**

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board concluded that the Connecticut Bioscience Innovation Fund Advisory Committee is "part of" Connecticut Innovations, Inc., for purposes of 1-84b (b), meaning that the petitioner may not accept a paid position with the latter within one year of leaving her unpaid position with the former.

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