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This month's update will focus on the hottest topic yet – that of the recent reconsideration of Advisory Opinion 2006-3 by the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board.

Gifts to the State

Advisory Opinion No. 2006-3 originally provided interpretation as to what extent § 1-84 (q) – a recently-enacted provision in the Code of Ethics for Public Officials – affects the "gift to the state" exception.

As many of you know, this opinion was reconsidered at the open meeting of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board last Thursday, September 28. There was much discussion around the draft of the amended opinion, and members of the public provided valuable comment.

The members of the Board, dedicated to giving thorough and careful consideration to the issue, sent the draft back to OSE's legal division for additional research. The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board will consider a new amended version at its next open meeting on October 31, 2006.

Please note that absent a formal amendment, the original interpretation of § 1-84 (q) as found in [Advisory Opinion No. 2006-3](#) still holds.

Should you be interested in learning exactly what transpired at the meeting, the full discussion can be viewed on CT-N, with details at this [link](#).

Talk to Us

We appreciate the dialogue and communication we have had with all of you regarding the opinion, and it was gratifying for us to see so many of you at last week's open meeting. We cannot stress enough that we are all for your participation and we look forward to its continuance as we move along into the legislative season.

We will continue next month with the "Frequently-asked Question" feature. To submit a question to be addressed in this electronic forum or on the OSE's Web site, please e-mail Meredith.Trimble@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

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