

## **NEW WEBSITE AND TIP LINE TO REPORT MISCONDUCT**

[Reportmisconduct.ny.gov](http://Reportmisconduct.ny.gov)

1-800-87-ETHICS

The New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) recently introduced a new dedicated tip line and State website for State officials and employees to report misconduct by State officials, lobbyists and others who are subject to JCOPE's jurisdiction. As part of this new initiative, JCOPE asks all state agencies to assist in the effort to increase awareness of JCOPE's mandate to provide information, guidance, and education on the state ethics and lobbying laws and to promote compliance with these laws through audits, investigations, and enforcement actions.

The new website, [reportmisconduct.ny.gov](http://reportmisconduct.ny.gov), and tip line, 1-800-87-ETHICS, are meant for securely reporting alleged violations of the State's ethics and lobbying laws including improper gifts, conflicts of interest, nepotism, abuse of official position and sexual harassment, among others. The tip line will be staffed by JCOPE's investigations division during business hours. The website enables users to send tips about misconduct electronically and includes resources for filing formal complaints.

JCOPE will be mailing posters promoting the new website and tip line to State offices and other venues. Also, an 11-by-17-inch version of the poster is attached [HERE](#) as a high resolution digital image for downloading and printing. JCOPE asks that State ethics officers, administrative and human resources professionals distribute these posters to the various facilities under their agencies' control in order to increase awareness of these new resources.