JCOPE ETHICS FORUM: PERSONAL BUSINESS MATTERS INVOLVING THE STATE

The Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) will be hosting an Ethics Forum, open to agency Ethics Officers and General Counsels, about State employees doing business with the State. This is an opportunity for those who provide ethics guidance to agency staff to work through scenarios that implicate select provisions of the Public Officers Law governing business or professional activities by State officers and employees. Collectively, we will explore (1) the issues that often arise; (2) what to look for in covered business arrangements; and (3) how to analyze those issues.

**WHEN:**

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:**

JCOPE's Albany office - 540 Broadway.

Those Ethics Officers and General Counsels not located in the Capital District may, upon request, be granted permission to attend via WebEx.

- Space will be limited and first preference for seating is reserved for Ethics Officers and agency General Counsels.
- Space permitting, other agency staff is invited to attend.
WHY:

JCOPE is providing this opportunity for Ethics Officers, General Counsels, and other relevant agency staff to explore this topic which includes:

- A review of advisory opinions, enforcement actions, and Public Officers Law § 73(4), including the law’s interplay with other sections of the Public Officers Law and the State Finance Law;
- Best practices to spot questionable business relationships; and
- Analyzing hypothetical scenarios.

Participants are encouraged to submit their questions in advance to allow sufficient time for JCOPE attorneys to provide guidance regarding your unique situations.

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. The subject line should read “Ethics Forum.”
2. Include the following information:
   - name & title of person attending
   - agency affiliation
   - contact information (email address and phone number)
   - whether attending live in Albany or via WebEx

JCOPE welcomes questions on this topic, as well as suggestions for future forum topics. Please send your questions and/or suggestions with your email.

Note: CLE credits for attorneys are not available for this forum.