

FY 2017 Formal Advisory Opinions

Date	Case	Source	Case Type	Issue	Opinion/Response
Sept – 16	17-0078	Employee	Post- employee	Appeal of AO-14-0024 barring post-employment	Board upheld prior decision. The former employee is permanently barred from participating in any activities or projects related to, or stemming from contract between his former agency and his new employer.
Oct- 16	17-0021	Official	Secondary Employment	Can a County official with a private business do business with the County in zoning matters	No. The employee’s fiduciary duty to the private business and their duties as an appointed County official are a direct conflict to one another and such a conflict is prohibited.
Jan– 17	17-0124	Official	Prestige of Office	Can an elected official accept campaign donations from a person/entity that is the recipient of County grants	Outside the Scope of OEA. Referred to State Agency.
Apr – 17	17-0135	Official	Gifts	Is the acceptance of campaign contributions by an elected official from entities doing business with the County prohibited	A gift does not include the solicitation, acceptance, reception or regulation of political campaign contributions. The acceptance of such contributions may lend to the appearance of a conflict of interest.
May- 17	17-0151	Official/ Lobbyist	FDS/Lobbyist Disclosure	What gifts must be reported on FDS	A special event is considered a gift that must be reported on an official’s FDS
June- 17	17-0215	Board/ Commission	Solicitation - Fundraising	Can an Executive Director of a County Board solicit or accept campaign donations for an elected County position	The acceptance of or the solicitation of donations from persons having business before the County employee or their agency, could lead to the appearance of a conflict of interest. Referred to OOL and State Agency.
June - 17	17-0226	Official	Financial Disclosure Statement	Is an elected official required to disclose a gift from a lobbyist on their Financial Disclosure Statement	Receipt by the official of a meal by a lobbyist at an event is a reportable gift unless the official pays for the meal.