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A Message from Peter Lewandowski, Executive Director

With the continued teleworking opportunities, it is crucial that we maintain high ethical standards while working from home.

Although we may be more relaxed about our appearance during our telework hours, we must remain vigilant when it comes to ethics.

While on state time, regardless of where we are, our state job must always come first. This means that telework hours should not be utilized for private employment endeavors, nor should state-issued equipment or materials be used to facilitate non-state activities. As is noted in Advisory Opinion No. 2011-4, the “[Ethics] Code's conflict provisions, [General Statutes] §§ 1-84 through 1-86, are all grounded on a single rationale: namely, that public service is a public trust and must not be used for personal financial gain or the financial gain of certain family members or a ‘business with which [one] is associated.’”

If you are contemplating pursuing private employment activities or encounter a potential conflict between your state and private work, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of State Ethics for advice. Our staff attorneys are here to help. Ethics questions and issues will inevitably arise and when they do, the Office of State Ethics staff is available to assist.

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Our Number One Rule: Always Get Advice!



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