

OSE NEWS

March 2021

Ethics Liaisons

Statements of Financial Interests – Due Monday, May 3rd

On March 15, 2021 an electronic notification was sent to all State Employees and Public Officials who were identified by their agency as being required to file an annual Statement of Financial Interests by Monday, May 3, 2021.

2021 Notification Schedule

The Office of State Ethics will send notices to SFI filers who have not yet filed as follows:

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| ❖ 30-day Notice | Thursday, April 1 st |
| ❖ 15-day Notice | Monday, April 19 th |
| ❖ 5-day Notice | Thursday, April 29 th |
| ❖ Final Notice | Monday, May 3 rd |

Thank you to the Ethics Liaisons who have taken time to update your lists and to remind your agency filers of their requirement to file – we appreciate your role in ensuring compliance.

Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board Enforcement Action

Docket No. 2020-12: In the Matter of a Complaint against Sean Condon.

On February 26, 2021, the Office of State Ethics and the Respondent entered into a Consent Order, settling allegations of violations of Section 1-84 (c) and 1-84 (b) where the Respondent utilized his state-issued computer, state-provided e-mail account, and state phone in order to run several private businesses, including a retail men's hair and skin care product business and an internet marketing business, from his workstation while on state time.

Section 1-84 (c) prohibits state employees from using their office for personal financial gain. In addition, by operating his private businesses from his workstation, the Respondent was found to have violated DEEP work rules and, accordingly, accepted other employment which impaired his independence of judgment as to his official duties in violation of Section 1-84 (b).

Under the terms of the Stipulation and Consent Order, Respondent agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$5,000.

Our Number One Rule: Always Get Advice!

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