

## **Press Release**

### **Connecticut Office of State Ethics to Draw 40 Lobbyist Names for Audit at July 23 Public Ceremony**

**July 21, 2009**

On Thursday, July 23, 2009, Robert Worgaftik, Chairman of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board, will randomly select 40 lobbyists to be audited by the Office of State Ethics (OSE). This audit selection ceremony will be part of the Board's regular meeting, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Elections Enforcement Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford.

The lobbyists will be selected from a pool of all registered client lobbyists. A client lobbyist is the party paying for lobbying services on its behalf. In other words, the client lobbyist is expending or agreeing to expend the registration threshold amount of \$2,000 in a calendar year for lobbying. (Connecticut General Statutes § 1-91 (u))

In the course of auditing the selected clients, the OSE will also audit all associated communicator lobbyists – those receiving payment from the clients for conducting lobbying activities.

A list of lobbyists selected to be audited will be available on the OSE's Web site, [www.ct.gov/ethics](http://www.ct.gov/ethics), after the drawing. The OSE anticipates that all of the audits will be completed within the new fiscal year.

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