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RECENT NEWS

The Executive Ethics Commission (EEC) has released a decision relating to an Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor (OEIG) investigation and has also released redacted final reports of four other OEIG investigations:

- *Meza v. David B. Foreman*, 10-EEC-012, involved the former Illinois State Fire Marshall who accepted free golf outing tickets in violation of the Gift Ban. The EEC noted that Mr. Foreman's check to cover the cost of the tickets, some three months after the outing, did not excuse the violation; however, the EEC considered his payment in levying a \$250 fine.
- *In re: Mya Clements*, 10-00140, involved a former University of Illinois employee who violated the Ethics Act and University of Illinois Code of Conduct by inappropriately completing mandatory ethics training for nineteen other employees.
- *In re: Vanessa Graham*, 09-01265, involved a former Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) employee who violated DHS policies prohibiting benefit fraud.
- *In re: Rebecca Muniz*, 09-00406, involved a former Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) employee who violated DHS policies by falsifying time records and abusing State resources.
- *In re: Jaime Viteri*, 09-00860, involved a former Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) employee who violated DCEO policies, including engaging in an outside personal business while on State time and using State resources.

Message from the Director of Human Resources



The OEIG is very pleased to announce the appointment of several new staff members and the promotion of one current OEIG employee:

- Mark Proseri, Special Counsel, Chicago Office
- Jessica Reese, Legislative Assistant Inspector General, Springfield Office
- Melissa Schaeffer, Investigator (formerly, OEIG Investigative Assistant), Springfield Office
- George Rohrer, Investigator, Chicago Office
- Garry Erickson, Investigator, Chicago Office
- Caty Bautista, Executive Assistant, Chicago Office

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Wendy Washington
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Annual Ethics Training

Approximately 23,000 employees of 42 State agencies, departments, and boards have completed an Internet-based program to meet their 2011 ethics training obligation. Those persons already notified to complete training during the current online training period must do so no later than May 3, 2011.

At the appropriate time, employees of other State agencies and public universities will receive written notification, from their employer, concerning when and how to complete 2011 ethics training.

In addition, approximately 15,000 employees of the Regional Transportation Authority and its related transit boards (CTA, Metra, and Pace) will be required to complete an ethics orientation program under the oversight of the OEIG and the EEC, between July 1 and August 1, 2011.

David Keahl
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Calendar of Events: April 30, 2011 --Executive Inspector General Ricardo Meza will be the keynote speaker at Illinois State University's 2011 Prelaw/Mock Trial Team Awards Banquet. May 18, 2011--The National Association of Inspectors General National Conference will be held in Chicago.