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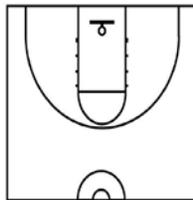
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Recent News

- The OEIG is pleased to welcome **Maggie Lipczynski** back to the Chicago office, where she serves as a Specialist in Complaints & Compliance, and to announce that **Courtney Carroll** began as an Assistant Inspector General in the General Division in the Chicago office, and **Mallory N. Hancock** began as an Investigative Assistant in the Springfield office.
- In addition to the matters discussed below, the EEC issued its decision in [In re: Bates \(19 EEC 001\)](#), a revolving door case now available on the OEIG website.

UIC Basketball Coach Violated Gift Ban and University Conflict Policy



The OEIG investigated a complaint that a University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) vendor, FastModel Sports, paid \$2,500 to UIC Men's Basketball Head Coach Steve McClain in exchange for buying FastModel's software.

The Ethics Act Gift Ban provisions prohibit a State employee from intentionally soliciting or accepting gifts from prohibited sources such as vendors. Mr. McClain, on behalf of UIC, approved purchases of FastModel's products in 2015 and 2016. He also called other coaches about FastModel products and accepted a \$2,500 check. The OEIG concluded that Mr. McClain:

- accepted a monetary gift from FastModel in violation of the Ethics Act Gift Ban; and
- engaged in activities on behalf of FastModel that created a conflict of interest, in violation of UIC policies.

The OEIG recommended that UIC take disciplinary action against Mr. McClain, educate Athletic Department staff about the Gift Ban and UIC's conflict of interest policy, and inform FastModel of its responsibilities as a vendor regarding the Gift Ban.

UIC placed a letter in Mr. McClain's file and trained staff on gifts and conflicts of interest. UIC also advised FastModel regarding the Gift Ban provisions.

A copy of the OEIG report, [In re: McClain, Case #16-02506](#), is available on the OEIG website.

EEC Levies \$2,500 Fine for Non-Cooperation

The Executive Ethics Commission issued its decision in *Haling v. Mosley* finding that David Mosley, a CTA employee, falsified documentation and made false, incomplete, or materially misleading statements to OEIG investigators in an interview regarding the suspension and reinstatement of his Commercial Driver's License.

In addition, Mr. Mosley stopped his interview in order to seek representation before continuing, but never responded to the OEIG's repeated requests to complete the interview.

The EEC fined Mr. Mosley \$2,500. The OEIG reminds all employees under its jurisdiction of their duty to cooperate with investigations, including to be interviewed and provide requested documents, and that failure to cooperate may result in disciplinary action and fines.

A copy of the EEC decision, [Haling v Mosley \(18 EEC 001\)](#) is available on the OEIG website.