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Recent News

- The OEIG is pleased to announce the hiring of **Joseph Loscudo** and **Michael Moskowitz** as Assistant Inspectors General in its Chicago office, and the hiring of **Dinara Healy** as an Investigator, also in its Chicago office.
- The Hiring & Employment Monitoring Division released its quarterly report for the third quarter of 2021. The report is available [here](#).

More Revolving Door Developments

Ethics Legislation Adopts OEIG Revolving Door Recommendations

The Governor recently certified Senate Bill 539, which was the ethics omnibus bill passed by the General Assembly in the spring. Among the amendments in the Ethics Act were those amending the revolving door prohibition beyond those personally and substantially involved in the “award” of a contract to also include those personally and substantially involved in the “fiscal administration” of a contract. In addition, titles in the “h-list” (5 ILCS 430/5-45(h)(6)) were clarified to include “any other position that holds an equivalent level of managerial oversight.” The OEIG had worked to introduce these amendments in prior legislation. [Public Act 102-0664](#) goes into effect on January 1, 2022.

New Revolving Door Fine of \$11,331

The Executive Ethics Commission recently imposed a total fine of \$11,331 on a former Teachers’ Retirement System employee. As uncovered in an OEIG investigation, the employee had accepted compensation from a vendor less than a year after he left State employment. The employee had participated in an award to the vendor in the year prior to leaving State employment, including drafting a Request for Proposal and serving as the principal scorer of responses. The fine represented part of the compensation received from the vendor and a \$500 fine for failure to notify the OEIG prior to accepting the non-State employment. Notably, the EEC held that the improper compensation included a fee for services performed within the year after the termination of State employment, even when the billing date fell after the one-year period. The EEC decision is available [here](#).

Illinois Supreme Court Declines to Hear Revolving Door Case

As reported in the OEIG’s [July newsletter](#), the Illinois Appellate Court reinstated a \$154,056.10 revolving door fine against a former Illinois Department of Human Services employee who had been found in an OEIG investigation to have violated the Ethics Act. The employee sought leave to appeal from the Appellate Court’s decision to the Illinois Supreme Court. The Supreme Court recently denied the petition for leave to appeal, and the Appellate Court decision stands.