



# Illinois Ethics Matters

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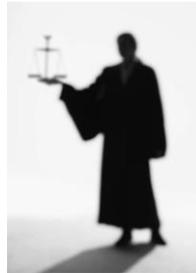
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## Recent News

The OEIG is pleased to announce:

- **Claudia P. Ortega** has been named acting director of finance and administration, effective September 5, 2014.
- **Bradley Emmett**, an OEIG investigator in our Springfield office, has returned from his two-year military leave of absence training.

## OEIG Files a “Friend of the Court” Brief in Longstanding Political Hiring Lawsuit



The Office of the Illinois Attorney General, on behalf of the OEIG, filed an Amicus Curiae (“friend of the court”) brief in *Shakman v Democratic Organization of Cook County*, a longstanding lawsuit alleging politically-motivated employment practices. The brief outlined the OEIG’s role in reviewing state hiring practices, particularly with regard to compliance with the 1990 *Rutan v Republican Party of Illinois* U.S. Supreme Court decision and the ensuing Administrative Orders, without taking a position in support of either the plaintiffs or the defendants.

After summarizing the OEIG’s recently disclosed Final Summary Report regarding the OEIG’s *In re: Schneider et al.* investigation (11-01567), which focused on IDOT’s use of “Staff Assistant” positions to circumvent the hiring rules, the brief explained the General Assembly’s 2009 amendments to the Ethics Act which:

- enabled the OEIG to “review hiring and employment files of each State agency” within its jurisdiction;
- allowed the OEIG to self-initiate investigations; and
- provided a means by which the EEC can publicly release OEIG reports.

In addition to *In re: Schneider et al.*, the brief also cited other OEIG investigations into hiring issues, explaining that “the OEIG has concluded numerous other investigations into hiring irregularities...”

The brief concluded by noting, “The OEIG will continue to perform its duties and responsibilities as it relates to the oversight of the State’s hiring and employment practices...” Copies of the brief are available from the OEIG website.

**Daniel Hurtado**  
General Counsel

## OEIG Subject Later Pleads Guilty to Federal Tax Charges

In March 2011, a redacted OEIG Final Summary Report, *In re: Jaime Viteri*, 09-00860, was released. The OEIG found that Jaime Viteri, a managing director at the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity performed work for his personal business on state time while using state resources.

Specifically, the OEIG investigation found that Mr. Viteri:

- habitually discussed Chicago Latino Network business on state time; and
- saved numerous documents and photos for the Chicago Latino Network on his state computer.

Following the OEIG investigation, federal authorities examined Mr. Viteri’s records and later filed tax charges against him. As part of a plea agreement, Mr. Viteri agreed to pay restitution while pleading guilty to two federal counts of failing to file income tax returns in 2008 and 2009, years covered by the OEIG’s investigation.

A press statement is available on the U.S. Attorney’s website at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/July/14-tax-715.html>

**Kristy Shores**  
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**Calendar of Events: September 23, 2014:** Various OEIG administrative staff will attend computer training. **September 24, 2014:** Administrative Assistant Vieaux will attend a writing seminar. **September 30, 2014:** Investigator Hochstetler will attend Excel training.