

2018 BEGA ETHICS DAY
“Sustaining an Ethical and Transparent
Government”

October 4, 2018
One Judiciary Square

Course Offerings

BEGA Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Break – Refreshments 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.
(Immediately following Board Meeting)

ASK BEGA – An information table, staffed by a BEGA attorney, which will provide participants with informal ethics advice.

Ethics Introduction and Updates 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. - An overview of national trends in government ethics, recent BEGA and Federal OGE advisory opinions, notable ethics cases, and pending legislation. **Brent Wolfingbarger, OGE Director - BEGA Hearing Room, Suite 540 South, 1hr Credit.**

Political Activity Training featuring BEGA and the Office of Campaign Finance – “Government Employee or Politician, Choose” 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – This session will provide a detailed review of the rules for permissible political activity by government employees. It will also address the rules regarding engaging in campaign related activity during government time and using government resources. **Ashley Cooks, BEGA Attorney Advisor, and William Sanford, OCF General Counsel – One Judiciary Square, Room 1117, 1hr Credit.**

The Office of the Inspector General 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. - OIG will present information regarding its procedures and functions; how to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse; and other relevant information.

Daniel Lucas, D.C. Inspector General - Room 1114, 1hr Credit.

Social Media and the Code of Conduct 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. - This session will provide information on the ethics rules that apply to employees while they’re engaging in activities on social media. **Brian K. Flowers, BEGA General Counsel, and Sonya Gomes King, BEGA Attorney Advisor, Room 1114, 1hr Credit,**

Office of Open Government (“OOG”) – “The Nuts and Bolts of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)” 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - This course offering will contain two sessions. The first session (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.) will offer such information as: An overview of the OMA; Understanding the interplay of the rules of parliamentary procedure with the OMA; Administering the Opening Meetings Act from the point of contact’s perspective. The second session (3:00 – 4:00 p.m.) will allow participants to take part in an interactive FOIA exercise. **Niquelle Allen, OOG Director, and Johnnie Barton, OOG Attorney Advisor - BEGA Hearing Room, Suite 540 South, 2hr Credit.**

Financial Disclosure Statement Training - “Ethics Counselor Administrative FDS Duties: A Step-by-Step Procedural Training” 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. - This session will inform ethics counselors of the FDS laws, set forth by the Ethics Act. **Asia Stewart-Mitchell, BEGA Attorney Advisor, Room 1117, 1hr Credit.**

Financial Disclosure Statement Training – “Wait, I’m a Filer?” 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. - This session will inform employees on how to comply with the rules surrounding filing a public financial disclosure statement. It will also provide updated information and best practices. **Nikaela Jacko**

Redd, BEGA Compliance Specialist - Room 1117, 1hr Credit.

D.C. Council’s Code of Conduct - “I work for the Council, What Rules Apply?” 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. - This session will provide training regarding the Ethics Act and the Council’s Code of Conduct. Similar to the Ethics training for Executive branch officials and employees, this session will focus on the ethics standards as they apply to Council members and staff. This course is highly recommended for those who work in the legislative branch of the District. **Zachary Walter, Assistant General Counsel, D.C. Council - Room 1114, 1hr Credit.**

Legal Ethics for Government Attorneys, co-sponsored by the D.C. Bar Association (Fully Accredited Course) 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. This session is a fully accredited course that will provide training for government attorneys on the legal ethics rules set forth in the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct. **Erika Stillabower, Senior Legal Ethics Counsel, and Saul Singer, Senior Legal Ethics Counsel, D.C. Bar Association - Room 1114, 1hr Credit.**