

## 2017 BEGA D.C. ETHICS DAY

### “Ethics Transparency and Accountability”

#### Course Offerings

October 19, 2017

**BEGA Monthly Board Meeting**, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Board will conduct its monthly Board Meeting

**Lunch Break – Refreshments**, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Ethics Overview** 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

An overview of the Ethics course traditionally provided to government employees by BEGA each month. The session attempts to briefly cover a broad range of Ethics topics including gifts, outside activities, conflicts of interests, nepotism, political activity and misuse of title/position. BEGA will reveal six short ethics videos – Ask Ms. Ethics! BEGA Interim Director/General Counsel Brian K. Flowers, BEGA Hearing Room, 1hr Credit.

**Political Activity Training featuring BEGA and the Office of Campaign Finance – “Government Employee or Politician, Choose”** 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.- The session will provide a detailed review of the rules for permissible political activity by government employees, including the local Hatch Act, and campaign related activity during government time and using government resources. BEGA Attorney Ashley Cooks and OCF, BEGA Hearing Room, 1hr Credit.

**Financial Disclosure Statement Training – “Wait, I’m a Filer?”**, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The session will inform employees of the rules surrounding filing a financial disclosure statement. It will also provide information to ethics counselors and employees who file financial disclosure documents. BEGA Attorney Asia Stewart-Mitchell, Old Council Chambers, 1hr Credit.

**Emerging Best Practices on the Release/Retention of Government Records on Social Media (Office of Open Government)** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.- OOG will host a panel discussion surrounding the emerging practices for handling the release and/or retention of government records on social media, and other technology driven formats. Traci Hughes, Director, Office of Open Government, BEGA Hearing Room, 1hr Credit.

**D.C. Council's Code of Conduct - “I work for the Council, What Rules Apply?”**, 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

The session will include training regarding the Ethics Act and the Council's Code of Conduct. Similar to the Ethics overview for Executive branch officials and employees, this session will focus on the standards as they apply to Council members and staff. This course is highly recommended for all of those who work in the legislative branch of the District Government. Zach Walters, Associate General Counsel, D.C. Council, Room 1114, 1hr Credit.

**Gifts Training featuring BEGA and the Office of Partnerships and Grants– “It’s not a Bribe, It’s a Gift, or is it?”**, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. The session will offer a more in-depth review of the gift rules including prohibitions on

receiving gifts from outside entities and prohibited sources, gifts given and received among government employees, and the prohibition on salary supplementation. OPGS will present information on the process for donating gifts to the District. BEGA Attorney Janet Foster and Marcel Guy, OPGS, BEGA Hearing Room, 1hr Credit.

**The Office of the Inspector General**, 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 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, 30 Min.Credit.

**Legal Ethics for Government Attorneys, co-sponsored by the D.C. Bar**, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The session will provide training for government attorneys on the legal ethics rules provided in the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct. Erika Stillabower, Senior Legal Ethics Counsel, D.C. Bar, Old Council Chambers, 1hr Credit.

**Updates in the World of Ethics**, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. This session will include national trends in government ethics, recent advisory opinions (both BEGA and Federal OGE), notable ethics cases, and pending legislation. 1hr Credit, BEGA Hearing Room