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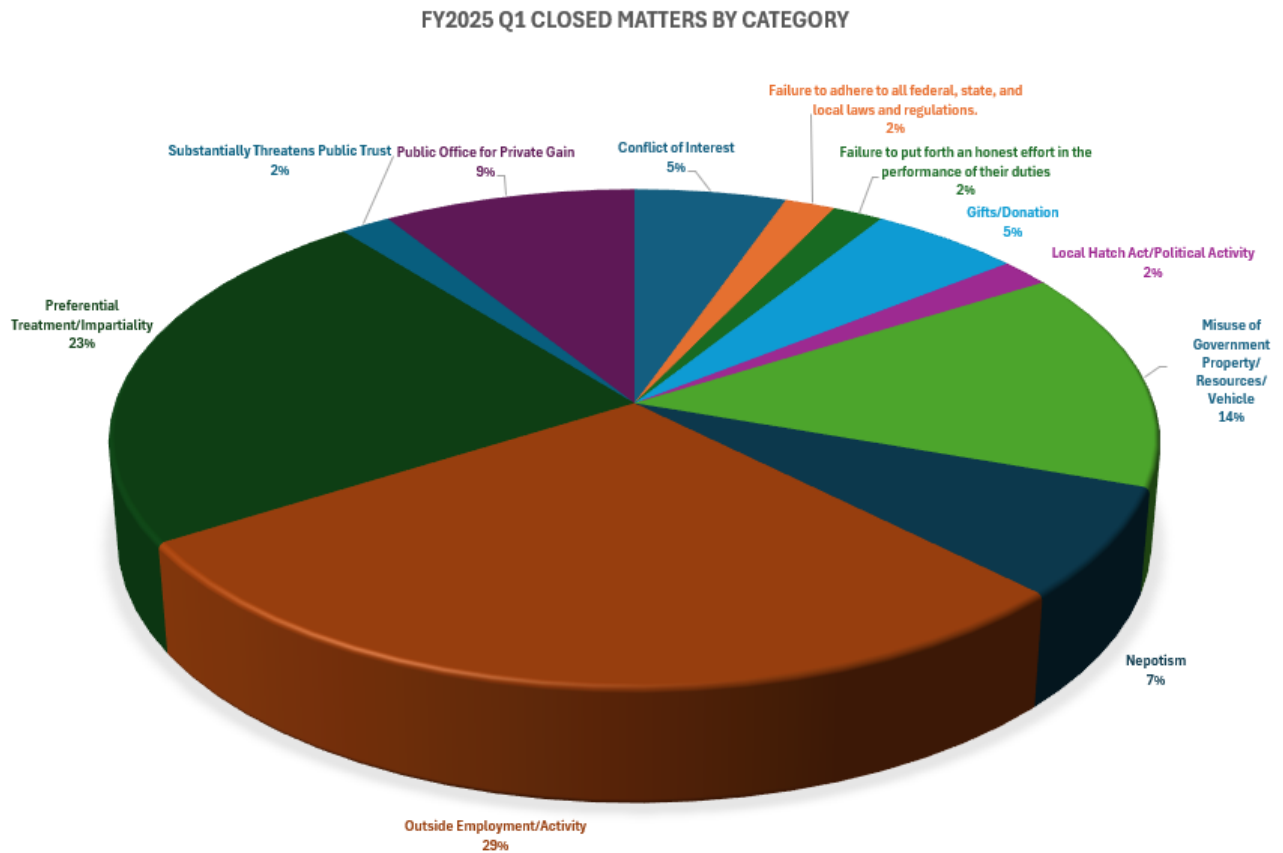
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BEGA Releases Quarterly Complaint Summary Report for FY2025 Quarter One

The District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (“BEGA”) today released its [Quarterly Complaint Summary Report](#) for the first quarter of FY 2025, covering the period from October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

During FY2025 Q1, the Office of Government Ethics (“OGE”), an office within BEGA that investigates alleged violations of the District’s Code of Conduct by employees and public officials, closed 83 matters. Thirty-four percent of the matters closed during this quarter (29 out of 85 matters) involved allegations that were outside of BEGA’s jurisdiction.



For the 56 closed matters within BEGA’s jurisdiction, allegations related to potential violations of the rules governing outside employment or activities topped the list, accounting for 16 matters (29%). Allegations of preferential treatment and lack of impartiality accounted for 13 matters (23%), while misuse of government resources allegations were involved in 8 matters (14%), allegations of use of public office for private gain in 5 matters (9%), and potential violations of the nepotism rules were at issue in 4 matters (7%). Rounding out the list, matters involving potential conflicts of interest and violations of the gifts rule each accounted for 3 matters (5%), while there was one matter (2%) each for allegations of failure to adhere to laws, failure to put forth host effort in the performance of official duties, violations of the Local Hatch Act, and actions that substantially threatens the public trust.

Code of Conduct Category	Number	Percent
Outside Employment/Activity	16	28.57%
Preferential Treatment/Impartiality	13	23.21%
Misuse of Government Property/Resources/Vehicle	8	14.29%
Public Office for Private Gain	5	8.93%
Nepotism	4	7.14%
Conflict of Interest	3	5.36%
Gifts/Donation	3	5.36%
Failure to adhere to all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.	1	1.79%
Failure to put forth an honest effort in the performance of their duties	1	1.79%
Local Hatch Act/Political Activity	1	1.79%
Substantially Threatens Public Trust	1	1.79%

The summary of closed matters and additional information can be found on BEGA’s Ethics Heatmap (<https://bega.dc.gov/page/ethics-heatmap>), which will be updated with additional data as it is available.