



ETHICS WEEK 2023

OCTOBER 23-27, 2023

EVERYDAY ETHICS

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Attendees must register for each course individually. Courses offered virtually unless otherwise specified

Day 1 - October 23, 2023

10:00 - 10:30 am

**Introduction and Opening Remarks from
OGE Director**

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Director Cooks opens Ethics Week 2023 with an address.

*Offered in person only.

- *Ashley Cooks, Director of OGE*

10:45 - 11:45 am

Ask BEGA

[SUBMIT QUESTIONS](#)

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Our most exciting Ask BEGA yet! Attend Ask BEGA and meet, none other than "Ms. Ethics"! Some of you have seen Ms. Ethics featured in our ethics videos. She'll be with us live for Ask BEGA. Ms. Ethics will read your pre-submitted questions and BEGA Attorney Advisors will answer them. As always, this is an open Q&A. Please anonymously pre-submit your ethics questions. The Attorneys will answer the pre-submitted questions and any new questions that arise during the course.

*Offered in person only.

- *"Ms. Ethics"*
- *Maurice Echols, OGE Attorney Advisor*
- *Marissa Jones, OGE Attorney Advisor*
- *Fran Vann, OGE Attorney Advisor*

LUNCH BREAK 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

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1:15 - 2:15 pm

Ethics Game Show

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Join us for a fun Ethics Game Show. You might win a prize.

- *Lynn Tran, Senior Counsel to the BEGA Board*

2:30 - 3:30 pm

Investigative Trends

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Join BEGA investigators as they explore the trends and themes they see in their investigations.

- *Ron Cook, OGE Supervisory Investigator*
- *Rhoda Glasgow, OGE Investigator*
- *Tahja Reid, OGE Investigator*

3:45 - 4:45 pm

Campaign Legal Center Discusses Learning Management Systems

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Attorneys from the Campaign Legal Center and Attorneys from BEGA discuss the importance of Learning Management Systems in ethics.

- *Delany Marsco, Senior Legal Counsel for Ethics, Campaign Legal Center*
- *Danielle Caputo, Legal Counsel for Ethics, Campaign Legal Center*
- *Maurice Echols, OGE Attorney Advisor*
- *Marissa Jones, OGE Attorney Advisor*



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Day 2 - October 24, 2023

10:00 - 11:00 am

Ethics Updates

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An OGE Attorney Advisor will discuss current ethics stories and provide relevant ethics updates.

- *Fran Vann, OGE Attorney Advisor*

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Ethics for Managers

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This course is specifically tailored to address the ethical demands of managing and supervising District government employees.

- *Asia Stewart-Mitchell, OGE Supervisory Attorney*

LUNCH BREAK 12:15 - 1:45 pm

1:45 - 2:05 pm

Ethics and Yoga (Meditation)

REGISTER

Join us for an ethics-minded, guided yoga session.

**Offered in person only.*

- *Rashee Raj, BEGA General Counsel*

2:20 - 3:20 pm

Blowing the Whistle in the District

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This course will discuss the laws that help curb retaliation against government employees and next steps after blowing the whistle and/or being retaliated against.

- **Moderator:** *Maurice Echols, OGE Attorney Advisor*
- *Rashee Raj, BEGA General Counsel*
- *Siri Nelson, Exec. Director at National Whistleblower Center*
- *Matt Wilcoxson, Deputy Inspector General for External Affairs at D.C. Office of the Inspector General*



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Day 3 - October 25, 2023

10:00 - 11:00 am

FOIA and OMA Introduction from OOG Director

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Director Allen opens a full day of FOIA and Open Meetings courses and discusses electronic meetings with an introduction to the Office of Open Government and an update on the Office's activities.

- *Niquelle Allen, Director of OOG*

11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Who Wants to Be a FOIA Officer?

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Do you know what it takes to be a FOIA Officer? Get ready to test your knowledge about the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act and what it takes to be a FOIA Officer in the District of Columbia.

- *Sheree DeBerry, OOG Attorney Advisor*
- *Nicholas Weil, OOG Attorney Advisor*

LUNCH BREAK 12:00 - 1:30 pm

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Newcomers Guide to the Open Meetings Act

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This course is a discussion of the District's Open Meetings Act ("OMA").

- *Anthony Scerbo, OOG Attorney Advisor*



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2:45 – 3:15 pm

How to Post on the Central Meetings Calendar

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This course will provide step-by-step guidance on how to post on the District's Central Meetings Calendar.

- *Kevin Brown, BEGA IT Specialist*

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Overview of Recent OMA and FOIA Advisory Opinions and Advice

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This course is an overview of recent OMA and FOIA Advisory Opinions and advice.

- *Niquelle Allen, Director of OOG*

Day 4 – October 26, 2023

10:30 – 11:30 am

Being Ethical is Harder Than You Think!

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In this completely interactive exercise, participants will learn how their mind will alter and transform facts and situations to achieve personal desires over organizational goals. These transformations occur automatically in the sub-conscious mind and without establishing proactive methods to mitigate these processes, organizations may inadvertently be promoting unethical behaviors by their leaders and employees.

- *Michael Bret Hood, Owner of 21st Century Learning and Consulting*

LUNCH BREAK 11:30 am – 1:00 pm



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1:00 – 2:00 pm

Fireside Chat: Artificial Intelligence and Ethics

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This course is a moderated panel discussion on artificial intelligence and its current and future impact on workplace ethics.

- **Moderator.** *Maurice Echols, OGE Attorney Advisor*
- *Matthew Sokol, OCTO Chief Data Officer*
- *Todd Smith, OCTO General Counsel*
- *Hersh Gupta, OCTO Data Scientist*

2:15 – 3:15 pm

Legal Ethics for Government Attorneys

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This session is a fully CLE-accredited course for government attorneys on the legal ethics rules.

- *Erika Stillabower, Senior Legal Ethics Counsel, DC Bar*
- *Nakia L. Matthews, Legal Ethics Counsel, DC Bar*
- *Rashee Raj, BEGA General Counsel*
- *Asia Stewart-Mitchell, OGE Supervisory Attorney*

3:30- 4:30 pm

ENCORE: Ask BEGA

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If you missed Ask BEGA on Monday watch a replay of the program.

Day 5 – October 27, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 am

The Intersection of DEI and Ethics

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This course is a discussion of the interplay between diversity, equity and inclusion and ethics in government work.

- *Dr. Amber Hewitt, Chief Equity Officer, Office of Racial Equity*



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11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Fireside Chat: Local Ethics Authorities

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This course is a moderated panel discussion between several local government ethics professionals on myriad local government ethics topics.

- **Moderator.** *Asia Stewart-Mitchell, OGE Supervisory Attorney*
- *Ashley Cooks, Director of OGE*
- *Todd Turner, Executive Director, Prince Georges County Office of Ethics and Accountability*
- *G. Stewart Petoe, Executive Director, Virginia Conflicts of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council*
- *Johann C. Amberger, Director, Baltimore City Ethics Board*

12:30 - 1:30 pm

Mental Health and Ethics

REGISTER

A mental health professional explores the mental health implications of ethical issues in our workspaces. Come and learn tips and tricks to manage stress and minimize the negative impact work issues might have on your mental health.

- *Palesa Osei-Tutu, LCSW*

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Attendee Happy Hour

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Meet us at Dirty Habit to celebrate another successful Ethics Week and meet BEGA's staff!

- *Dirty Habit DC, Kimpton Hotel Monaco, 555 8th St NW, Washington, DC*