



ETHICS WEEK 2026 TRANSITIONING ETHICALLY

OCTOBER 13-16, 2026

COURSE SCHEDULE

Courses subject to change. All courses are hybrid and will be offered both in-person at BEGA's offices at 1030 15th Street, NW, Suite 700 West and virtually. Friday October 16 will be virtual ONLY. You must register for each in-person session individually. However, one registration will register you for all virtual courses. For the virtual courses, add each virtual course to your calendar once you receive registration emails from WebEx.

For ADA accommodations, contact bega.training@dc.gov. For technical issues, contact our IT Representative, kevin.brown@dc.gov.

Day 1 – Tuesday, October 13, 2026

10:00 – 10:30	OGE Director’s Introduction and 2026 Financial Disclosure Season Recognition	<u>Register</u>
Ashley Cooks, Director of Government Ethics		
10:40 – 11:40	The Power of Collaboration: Why Partnership is Key to Effective Ethics Counselor Work	<u>Register</u>
A discussion on how partnership and collaboration help Ethics Counselors be effective in their role. - Asia Stewart-Mitchell, BEGA General Counsel - Amber Anderson, OGE Supervisory Attorney Advisor		
*****LUNCH BREAK – 12:00 – 1:30*****		
1:30 – 2:30	Ethics for Managers	<u>Register</u>
A training for managers and supervisors; A discussion on the importance of an ethical culture and an ethics trickle down from management. Asia Stewart-Mitchell, BEGA General Counsel		
2:40 – 3:30	The Nuts and Bolts of Financial Disclosure	<u>Register</u>
Tips and tricks on how to maintain a successful financial disclosure program at your agency. Courtnae Brown, OGE Attorney Advisor		



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Day 1 – Tuesday, October 13, 2026 (cont)

3:45 – 4:30

***Jurisdictional Jam: How to Identify Jurisdictional
Issues and Align with Other Agencies and Law
Enforcement***

[Register](#)

Have you ever found out about possible wrongdoing in your agency but were confused about who to report it to? Who has jurisdiction? When must you report? What if your agency has investigatory powers as well? In this session we'll discuss tips to help sort through jurisdictional issues and align your agency's goals with the goals of other offices and agencies.

- *Asia Stewart-Mitchell, BEGA General Counsel*



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Day 2 – Wednesday, October 14, 2026

10:00 – 12:00

The Invisible Facade: Enhancing Critical Thinking Skills to Prevent and Detect Hidden Ethical Dilemmas

[Register](#)

This session is virtual. Participants will develop critical thinking skills to evaluate information objectively, identify biases, and assess the implications of their choices. The course explores concepts like ethical fading, where moral considerations fade from view under pressure, and the framing effect, which subtly alters perception and judgment based on how information is presented. Through case studies, interactive discussions, and decision-making simulations, participants will learn to recognize and mitigate these cognitive traps, fostering ethical accountability and balanced decision-making. By the end of the course, participants will be equipped to approach ethical challenges with clarity, integrity, and confidence.

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

*******LUNCH BREAK – 12:00 –1:30*******

1:30 – 2:30

Ethics SHOWDOWN!

[Register](#)

Test your knowledge of the ethics rules using real-life scenarios.

- Brenda Keels, OGE Attorney Advisor

2:40 – 3:30

Where Can I Go and What Can I Do?

[Register](#)

As administrations change, so do professional landscapes. This session equips government employees with the knowledge needed to manage post-government employment plans and outside work responsibly during a transition period. The course explains key ethics rules, cooling-off restrictions, and approval requirements, helping employees make informed decisions while safeguarding the integrity of public service.

- Amber Anderson, OGE Supervisory Attorney Advisor



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What in the Ethics?

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A year in review of OGE's disposed investigative matters and the handling of complaints from fact finding, interviews, and final dispositions from the perspectives of OGE investigators. Investigators will discuss consistent violations and best investigative practices used during the fact finding process.

- Ileana Corrales, OGE Investigator*
- Rhoda Glasgow, OGE Investigator*



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Day 3 - Thursday, October 15, 2026

10:00 - 10:30	OOG Director's Introduction	<u>Register</u>
The Director opens a full day of FOIA and Open Meetings courses. Niquelle Allen, Director of Open Government		
10:30 - 11:30	DC Public Body Guide to the Open Meetings Act	<u>Register</u>
This course is a discussion of the District's Open Meetings Act. Joan lelma, OOG Attorney Advisor		
*****LUNCH BREAK - 11:30 - 1:00 *****		
1:00 - 2:00	Introduction to the DC Freedom of Information Act	<u>Register</u>
This course is a discussion of the District's Freedom of Information Act. Brandon Lewis, OOG Attorney Advisor		
2:15 - 3:00	Overview of Recent FOIA and OMA Advisory Opinions and Advice	<u>Register</u>
This course is an overview of recent FOIA and OMA Advisory Opinions and Advice issued by the Office of Open Government. Anthony J. Scerbo, OOG Attorney Advisor		
3:15 - 4:00	Recent Opinions from the Mayor's Office of Legal Counsel (MOLC)	<u>Register</u>
This course is an overview of recent FOIA opinions issued by the MOLC. Shawn Nolan, Senior Attorney Advisor, MOLC		



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Day 4 – Friday, October 16, 2026 (Virtual)

10:30 – 11:30

Legal Ethics for Government Attorneys

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Designed and taught by D.C. Bar legal ethics counsel, through engaging hypotheticals and focused discussion, you'll gain valuable guidance for recognizing ethical issues, applying the relevant rules, and navigating the professional responsibility challenges that arise in day-to-day government practice.

- Nakia L. Matthews, D.C. Bar Senior Legal Ethics Counsel
- Courtney L. Thomas, D.C. Bar Legal Ethics Counsel
- Lynn Tran, BEGA Senior Attorney Advisor

11:45 – 12:45

Fireside Chat

[Register](#)

A discussion on the transition of the Executive from an ethical lens.

- Betsy Cavendish, EOM General Counsel
- Lynn Tran, BEGA Senior Attorney Advisor
- Asia Stewart-Mitchell, BEGA General Counsel

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