

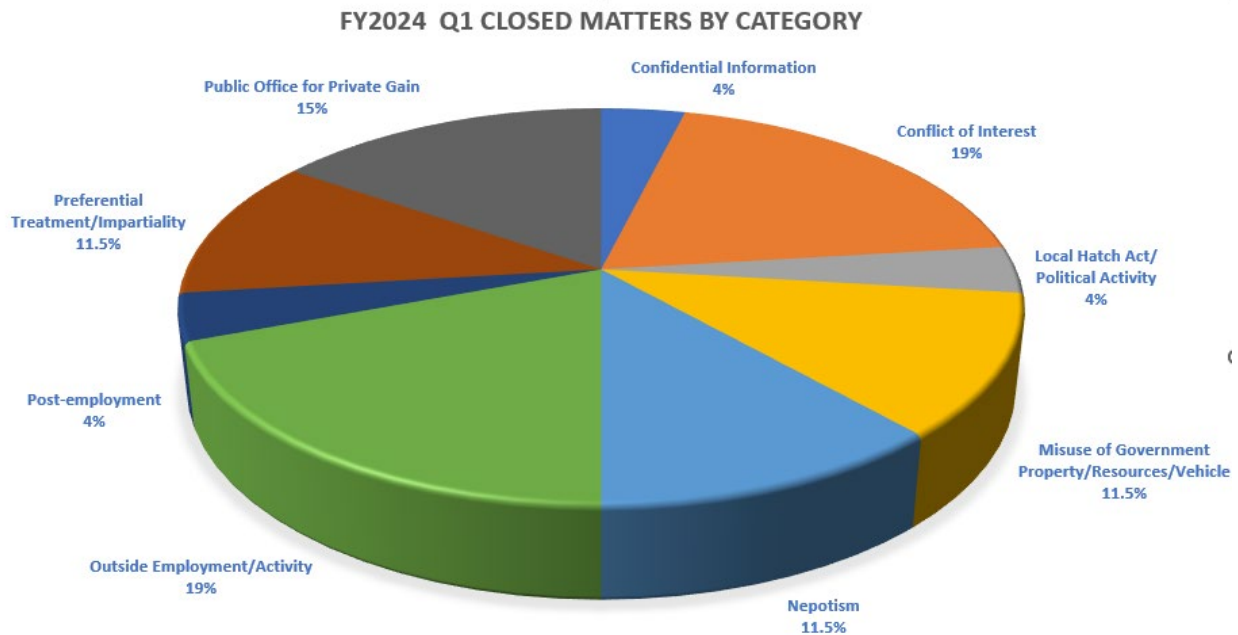
**BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**



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BEGA Releases Quarterly Complaint Summary Report for FY2024 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 2024, covering the period from October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.



During FY2023 Q4, 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 34 matters. Almost a quarter of the matters closed (23% or 8 out of 34 matters) involved allegations that were outside of BEGA’s jurisdiction. The remaining 26 matters closed in the first quarter of FY2024 include two matters that are still pending collection of the civil penalty. Additionally, three new matters were stayed pending criminal investigation by the Office of the Inspector General.

For the 26 closed matters within BEGA’s jurisdiction, allegations involving outside employment or activities and conflict of interest allegations topped the list at five matters (19%) each. Next, four matters (15%) involved the use of public office for private gain. Allegations of misuse of government resources, preferential treatment or lack of impartiality, and violation of the nepotism rules accounted for three matters (11.5%) each.

Code of Conduct Category	Number	Percent
Conflict of Interest	5	19%
Outside Employment/Activity	5	19%
Public Office for Private Gain	4	15%
Preferential Treatment/Impartiality	3	11.5%
Nepotism	3	11.5%
Misuse of Government Resources	3	11.5%
Confidential Information	1	4%
Post-employment	1	4%
Local Hatch Act/Political Activity	1	4%

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.