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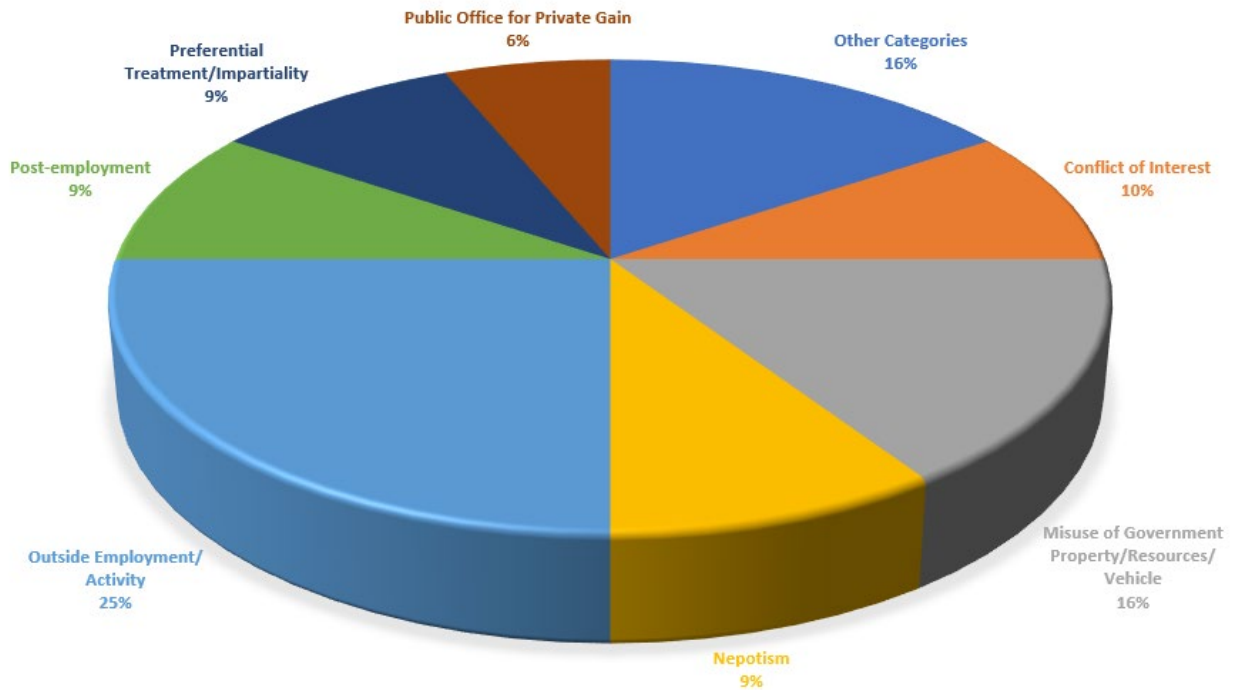


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BEGA Releases Quarterly Complaint Summary Report for FY2024 Quarter One

The District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (“BEGA”) today released its Quarterly Complaint Summary Report for the second quarter of FY 2024, covering the period from January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

FY2024 Q2 CLOSED MATTERS BY CATEGORY



During FY2024 Q2, 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 50 matters. Over a third of the matters closed (36% or 18 out of 50 matters) involved allegations that were outside of BEGA’s jurisdiction. The remaining 32 matters closed in the second quarter of FY2024 include four matters that are still pending collection of the civil penalty, one matter that was consolidated with a prior matter and one matter that was referred to another agency for disposition.

For the 32 closed matters within BEGA’s jurisdiction, allegations involving outside employment or activities again topped the list with eight matters. Allegations involving misuse of government resources accounted for five matters (16%). Matters alleging conflicts of interest, violations of the nepotism rules, preferential treatment of lack or impartiality, and violations of the post-employment restrictions account for 3 matters (9%) each. Rounding out the list there were two matters (6%) alleging the use of public office for private gain and one matter (3%) each for allegations involving use of confidential information, violation of the Local Hatch Act/political activity, hostile work environment/bullying, failure to put forth honest effort in the performance of official duties, and activity that substantially threatens the public trust.

Code of Conduct Category	Number	Percent
Outside Employment/Activity	8	25%
Misuse of Government Property/Resources/Vehicle	5	16%
Conflict of Interest	3	10%
Nepotism	3	9%
Post-employment	3	9%
Preferential Treatment/Lack of Impartiality	3	9%
Public Office for Private Gain	2	6%
Confidential Information	1	3%
Failure to Put Forth Honest Effort	1	3%
Hostile Work Environment/Bullying	1	3%
Local Hatch Act/Political Activity	1	3%
Substantially Threatens Public Trust	1	3%

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.