

**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 Three

The District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (“BEGA”) today released its Quarterly Complaint Summary Report for the third quarter of FY 2024, covering the period from April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

During FY2024 Q3, 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 77 matters. Over a third of the matters closed (37% or 28 out of 77 matters) involved allegations that were outside of BEGA’s jurisdiction. The remaining 49 matters closed in the second quarter of FY2024 include three matters that are still pending collection of the civil penalty, three matters that were consolidated with other matters, two matters referred to another agency, and one matter where a regulatory matter was initiated.

For the 49 closed matters within BEGA’s jurisdiction, allegations of preferential treatment or lack of impartiality and misuse of government resources were at the top of the list, accounting for 10 matters or 21% each. Violations of the rules governing outside activity or employment accounted for 7 matters (14%) and use of confidential information for 5 matters (10%) while allegations of using public office for private gain and retaliation each had 4 matters (8%). Rounding out the list were violations of the gifts rule, conflict of interest, and post-employment restrictions at 2 matter each (4%) and violations of the representation and nepotism rules and the financial disclosure requirements with one matter each (2%).

Code of Conduct Category	Number	Percent
Preferential Treatment/Lack of Impartiality	10	21%
Misuse of Government Property/Resources/Vehicle	10	21%
Outside Employment/Activity	7	14%
Confidential Information	5	10%
Public Office for Private Gain	4	8%
Retaliation	4	8%
Gifts/Donation	2	4%
Conflict of Interest	2	4%
Post-Employment	2	4%

Code of Conduct Category	Number	Percent
Representation	1	2%
Financial Disclosure	1	2%
Nepotism	1	2%

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.