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Former Roswell Park Assistant VP Settles Revolving Door Allegations

Facility Revamps Ethics Training and Personnel Policies

ALBANY – (May 27, 2014) The Joint Commission on Public Ethics (Commission) announced today that a former assistant vice president for the Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI), a State facility, settled allegations that he violated the State’s revolving door restrictions.

John Sieber, RPCI’s assistant vice president for finance from 2006 to early 2011, paid \$2,500 under a settlement with the Commission alleging repeated violations of the State’s two-year bar on appearing or practicing before his former agency.

Shortly after leaving RPCI in January 2011, RPCI reached out to Sieber on several occasions to help train a new vice president of finance, to coordinate a search of a national consulting firm and work on RPCI’s budget, all within two years of leaving his service as a State employee with RPCI.

State Public Officer’s Law section (73)(8) prohibits former State employees from appearing or practicing before his or her State agency within two years of leaving State service. The two-year ban can be waived in certain circumstances. In Sieber’s case, RPCI never requested or received a waiver.

“State employees are obligated to know their ethical responsibilities under the Public Officers Law,” said Joint Commission Executive Director Letizia Tagliafierro. “At the same time, State agencies should be aware of the special obligation of their employees, including their post-employment restrictions.”

Since informing the Commission of Sieber’s activities, RPCI has revised its ethics training program and personnel policies to help avoid similar situations in the future.

A copy of the settlement may be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).