



## JCOPE ETHICS FORUM: Exclusions to the Gift Rules

The Joint Commission on Public Ethics ("JCOPE") will be hosting an informal open Ethics Forum with agency Ethics Officers and General Counsels regarding exclusions to the gift rules. This is an opportunity for those who provide ethics guidance to agency staff to ask questions and explore situations in which the exclusions provided by in [Section 933.4](#) of the Gift Regulations may create ethical issues for state officers and employees.

### WHEN:

**Monday, November 14, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

### WHERE:

**JCOPE's Albany office - 540 Broadway. Those who are unable to attend in person can participate via WebEx.**

- Space will be limited and first preference for seating is reserved for Ethics Officers and agency General Counsels.
- Space permitting, other agency staff is invited to attend.

### WHY:

JCOPE is providing this opportunity for Ethics Officers, General Counsels, and other relevant agency staff to explore this topic which includes:

- **Goods and Services and discounts for goods and services**
- **Widely Attended Events**
- **Bona fide charitable and political events**
- **Promotional and ceremonial items**
- **Gifts from Friends/Relatives**
- **Professional/Educational programs and events**

Participants are encouraged to **submit their questions in advance** to allow sufficient time for JCOPE attorneys to provide guidance regarding your unique situations.

### HOW TO REGISTER:

Send an email to [education@jcope.ny.gov](mailto:education@jcope.ny.gov) **no later than Thursday, November 3, 2016** if you wish to attend the Ethics Forum, either in person or by WebEx.

1. The subject line should read **"Ethics Forum."**
2. Include the following information:
  - name & title of person attending
  - agency affiliation
  - contact information (email address and phone number)
  - whether attending live in Albany or via WebEx

JCOPE welcomes questions on the gift exclusions as well as suggestions for future forum topics. Please send your questions and/or suggestions with your email.

**Note: CLE credits for attorneys are not available for this forum.**