The Ohio Ethics Law:
Key Concepts for Trustees

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ETHICS
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

PUBLIC ROLES  PRIVATE INTERESTS
102.04 - Prohibition

- 102.04(A) - Cannot receive compensation to represent anyone before your own state institution

- 102.04(B) - Cannot sell any goods or services (unless competitively bid) to ANY OTHER state agency (except courts)
102.04(D) - Exception

- Only applies to NON-ELECTED state officials
- Only applies to goods or services provided to agencies OTHER THAN your own

- Before selling goods or services, you must file a statement (each year) with:
  1. Agency you serve;
  2. Agency to which you’re selling goods or services; and
  3. Ethics Commission

- 2 year disqualification
Gifts
Conflicts of Interest

ORC 102.03(E)
“Improper” Source

Those who:
– are doing/seeking to do business with public officials and employees
– are regulated by government
– have specific interests before agency
Substantial
Public Contracts
Authorization or use of authority for official, family member or business associate

ORC 2921.42(A)(1)
You authorize an IT contract between your agency and the IT company owned by your brother.
ORC 2921.42(A)(4)

Having an interest in profits/benefits of public contract with “connected” agency
Public Contract Exception

• Four-Part Exception:
  – Necessary supplies/services
  – Supplies unobtainable elsewhere for the same or lower cost or “continuous course of dealing”
  – Preferential or same treatment as other customers
  – Arm’s length transaction
APPLICATIONS, OCCUPATION, HIRING, RESUME
Confidentiality:
R.C. 102.03 (B)
Financial Disclosure

- Why?
- What?
- Investments
- Confidential Review Process
Ohio Ethics Commission

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