

U.S. GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WITH ETHICS/CONDUCT-RELATED AUTHORITY

This chart provides an informal reference for agency ethics officials to the subject matter areas most frequently addressed to the Office of Government Ethics (OGE). The Department of Justice (DOJ) (including U.S. Attorneys' Offices) and agency Inspectors General also handle enforcement matters in a number of these areas, even where not specifically listed. Of course, individual executive branch agencies have responsibility in many of these areas as well, including their own statutory authority and supplemental regulations.

TOPIC	FEDERAL ENTITY CONCERNED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (5 C.F.R. part 2635) (Standards of Ethical Conduct) ● Executive branch-wide regulations on public and confidential financial disclosure, outside employment limitations, ethics training, certain financial interests, and post-Government employment (5 C.F.R. parts 2634, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2640, and 2641) 	OGE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conflict of Interest statutes (18 U.S.C. §§ 202, 203, 205, 207, 208, and 209)--interpretations 	OGE DOJ, Office of Legal Counsel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hatch Act provisions (5 U.S.C. § 7321 et seq.) ● Whistleblower Protection Act ● Complaints of prohibited personnel practices 	Office of Special Counsel Office of Personnel Management (OPM) (certain Hatch Act regulations)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Criminal political contribution/activity restrictions (18 U.S.C. §§ 602, 603, 606, 607, and 610) 	DOJ Individual U.S. Attorneys' Offices
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appropriations law and contract protests ● "Frequent flyer miles" 	Comptroller General (General Accounting Office (GAO)) GSA (regulations on frequent flyer benefits)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ethics audit reports 	GAO OGE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prosecution of violations of criminal conflict of interest statutes (information about a violation of the statutes must be referred to DOJ (28 U.S.C. § 535)) 	DOJ, incl. Public Integrity Section Individual U.S. Attorneys' Offices
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restrictions against gambling on Government property, conduct "prejudicial to the Government" (i.e., criminal, infamous, or notoriously disgraceful conduct) and special preparation of persons for civil and foreign service examinations (5 C.F.R. part 735) 	OPM General Services Administration (GSA) (restrictions on gambling on Federal property)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General personnel/Federal employment matters 	OPM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Government Employees Training Act (see 5 U.S.C. § 4111 in particular) 	OPM OGE (ethics aspects)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use of Government-owned property and equipment, e.g., phones, photocopying equipment (41 C.F.R.) ● Official travel ● Use of Government vehicles (31 U.S.C. § 1344) ● Gifts of travel from non-Federal sources (31 U.S.C. § 1353) 	GSA OGE (ethics aspects and agency § 1353 reports)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement integrity restrictions (41 U.S.C. § 423) 	Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Federal Acquisition Regulatory (FAR) Council (DoD, GSA, NASA, and OFPP) OGE (ethics-related provisions)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbying restrictions on recipients of Federal contracts, grants, loans, etc. (Byrd Amendment) 	OMB Clerk of the House of Representatives Secretary of the Senate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbyist registration, reporting lobbying activities (Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995--P.L. 104-65) 	Clerk of the House of Representatives Secretary of the Senate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrictions against lobbying with appropriated funds (18 U.S.C. § 1913) 	DOJ, Public Integrity Section
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeals from disciplinary actions for violations of the Standards of Ethical Conduct 	Merit Systems Protection Board
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fraud, waste, mismanagement, and abuse in individual agencies 	Agency Inspectors General
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosecutions of violations of the restrictions on outside earned income and outside employment for certain noncareer employees (5 U.S.C. app. §§ 501-502) 	DOJ, Civil Division Individual U.S. Attorneys' Offices
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosecutions of failure to file or false filings of public financial disclosure reports 	DOJ, Civil and Criminal Divisions Individual U.S. Attorneys' Offices
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Agents Registration Act (22 U.S.C. § 611 et seq.; see also 18 U.S.C. § 219) 	DOJ, Internal Security Section
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nepotism (5 U.S.C. § 3110) 	OPM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts and decorations from foreign governments 	Department of State, Office of Protocol GSA (regulations on disposal/minimal value)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of governmental efforts to promote integrity and efficiency and to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in Federal programs (Executive Order 12805) 	President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal advisory committees (5 U.S.C. app.) 	GSA, Committee Management Secretariat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Clinton's Ethics Pledges for top executive-branch officials (Executive Order 12834) 	White House Counsel's Office DOJ (enforcement, statement of covered activities/foreign agents) OGE (forms)