Outside Activity Approval

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Table of Applicable Authorities for Outside Activities Analyses

Applicable Authority	Summary of Authority	Key Questions
18 USC 203	An employee may not receive compensation for the representation of anyone before	Will the activity be compensated?
Bar on Receipt of Compensation for Representational Services	any agency or court of the US (and certain other entities) on a matter in which the United States is a party or has a direct and substantial interest. This	Will the compensation be in consideration for a representation before an agency or court of the US
Note-More limited restrictions apply to SGEs.	prohibition applies whether the employee renders the representation himself or shares in compensation from someone	(or other specified entity)? Will the representation be in connection with a

§ 2635.803 Prior approval for outside employment and activities

When required by agency supplemental regulation issued after February 3, 1993, an employee shall obtain prior approval before engaging in outside employment or activities. Where it is determined to be necessary or desireable for the purpose of administering its ethics program, an agency shall, by supplemental regulation, require employees or any category of employees to obtain prior approval before engaging in specific types of outside activities, including outside employment.



Encourage contact with the ethics office
Provide advice & counsel as usual
Screen financial disclosures



Table Group Exercise

Analyzing Outside Activity Requests

Work in small groups to analyze a prior approval request for outside employment.