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Former Office of the Healthcare Advocate Insurance Examiner Darlene West Fined \$500 by Office of State Ethics

Used state resources to operate her private business

Darlene West of Windsor, CT paid a \$500 civil penalty for violating the Code of Ethics by using state resources to operate her private business while on state time.

According to a stipulation and consent order finalized today with the Office of State Ethics (OSE), West owned and operated a private real estate business. She used her state-issued computer, e-mail account, copier and telephone to operate that business. Ms. West was compensated by the state for the time she spent operating her private business.

Connecticut law prohibits a state employee from using her public office or position to obtain financial gain for herself and/or a business with which she is associated. West paid \$500 in penalties for her violation of General Statutes §1-84 (c).

Ms. West no longer works for the State of Connecticut.

“Public resources are for the public’s business,” said OSE Executive Director, Carol Carson. “State equipment and e-mail accounts should not be used to operate a private business on state time.”

View: [Stipulation and Consent Order](#) Docket No. 2013-1 in the Matter of Darlene West.

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