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## **Former Office of Chief Public Defender Employee Pays \$750 to Settle Ethics Code Violations**

**Hartford** – Arlindo Armeida, of Danbury, Connecticut, a former Investigator for the Office of the Chief Public Defender in Danbury, CT paid a \$750 penalty for violating Section 1-84 (c) of the Code of Ethics.

During 2013, while a state employee, Mr. Almeida was also employed by a private company for which he also provided investigation services. The services he provided for his other employer were unrelated to his state position.

On several occasions Mr. Almeida utilized his state-issued computer and other state-owned equipment to conduct business related to his outside job, and he did so on state time, while receiving pay from the state.

Further, for a period during 2016 and 2017, Mr. Almeida used a state computer and the state e-mail system in his unsuccessful election bid to become mayor of Danbury. Under Section 1-84 (c) of the Code, a public official or state employee is prohibited from using state resources to obtain personal financial gain.

“State employees who turn their offices into private, for-profit businesses will face penalties,” said Executive Director Carol Carson. “In addition, the Code of Ethics is clear that conducting political activity on state time is prohibited.”

Mr. Almeida served in his state position for 24 years and had no prior history of ethics violations. Through a separate but related personnel action, Mr. Almeida resigned his state position and is no longer a state employee.

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