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Former Department of Transportation Supervisor Engineer Violates Revolving Door Provisions and Pays \$3000 to Settle Ethics Code Violations

Hartford – Ryan O’Hara, of New Haven, Connecticut a former Department of Transportation (“DOT”) employee, paid a \$3,000 penalty for violating Connecticut General Statutes section 1-84b (b), which prohibits a former state employee from being paid to represent anyone other than the state before his former agency, within one year after departure.

After leaving DOT, Mr. O’Hara gained employment with an engineering company with business offices in Cheshire, CT. Mr. O’Hara contacted DOT within one year of departing state service on behalf of his new employer, regarding a Major Traffic Generator related to a planned development in Newington, CT. Mr. O’Hara stated that the violation was inadvertent, he and his counsel, and the Cheshire business, cooperated with the Office of State Ethics in its investigation.

“It is important, when a state employee leaves state service to call for advice,” said Dena Castricone, Chair of the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board. “Especially, if a former state employee plans to contact state agencies on behalf of their new employer, ‘revolving door’ issues can often occur.”

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