



## Milwaukee County Ethics Board

***Do you know what it means to be a Public Servant?***

- *A public servant is someone who works for a governmental entity, whose wages are paid for by taxpayers in the community and whose sole purpose is to provide service to the public.*
- *As public servants, we all work for the citizens of Milwaukee County who are, by way of paying their taxes, our employers.*





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**From the Milwaukee County General Ordinances:**

***"The ethical county public official or employee accepts the responsibility that his or her mission is that of servant and steward to the public."***

***Ethics Code, Ch.9.01(2)(c)***





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### *How can we be effective in our new role as Public Servants?*

- *Put the needs and interest of the public first*
- *Ensure all sensitive information is kept confidential*
- *Treat all members of the public with equality and fairness*
- *Communicate with the public in a respectful manner that recognizes the priority of the citizen's need*
- *Make sure the experience of dealing with government is as friendly, helpful and positive as possible*





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### Examples of Ethics Issues

- *Conflicts of interest*
- *Gifts and Perks*
- *Use of Government Resources*
- *Outside Employment*

### Ask yourself...

- *Does it look fair?*
- *Is there an appearance of bias or favoritism?*
- *Is there special treatment because of your position?*





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### When You Spot A Potential Ethics Issue...

- *Contact the Ethics Board*
- *Room 212-E of the Courthouse*
- *(414) 278-5332*
- *Ethics@milwaukeecountywi.gov*
- *County.Milwaukee.gov/ethicsboard.htm*

