

PRESS RELEASE

Connecticut Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board Holds First Meeting Under New Officers and Introduces New Members

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On Thursday, October 22, the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board (CEAB, or Board) of the Connecticut Office of State Ethics (OSE) held its first public meeting under new Chairman G. Kenneth Bernhard and Vice Chairman Thomas H. Dooley. Bernhard, of Westport, was appointed to the Board by House Minority Leader Lawrence Cafero for a four-year term expiring in September of 2011. Dooley, of Vernon, was appointed by Governor M. Jodi Rell for a four-year term expiring in September of 2012.

The meeting was also the first for two new CEAB Members: General David Gay (Ret.) of Windsor, appointed by the Governor; and former State Senator Winthrop S. Smith, Jr. of Milford, appointed by Senate Minority Leader John McKinney. The terms of Gay and Smith will expire in 2013.

The CEAB, a nine-member body, holds regular meetings once each month, which are open to the public. Meeting times, dates and agenda items are available on the OSE's [website](#). The Board is responsible for adjudicating cases brought under the ethics codes and making findings of violations as well as issuing Advisory Opinions – interpretations of the codes as they apply to specific situations. In 2009, the CEAB has issued 11 Advisory Opinions, the summaries and full text of which are also available on the OSE's [website](#).

All members of the regulated community as well as any interested members of the public are welcome to attend CEAB meetings and become engaged in the governmental ethics process. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, at 1:00 p.m., 5th Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford.

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