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Connecticut Office of State Ethics (OSE) Announces New Publications for Election Season

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The OSE announces the availability of its newest plain-language tools: quick guides to political contributions and conventions.

The Codes of Ethics contain provisions that affect public official and lobbyist activity surrounding political contributions and conventions. The guides specifically detail the following:

Political Contributions:

- Permissible contributions;
- Prohibitions; and
- Considerations.

Political Conventions:

- Benefits received by public officials at such events;
- Associated considerations and reporting requirements;
- Charitable events held in conjunction with conventions; and
- Restrictions and reporting for lobbyists.

“The OSE aims to be proactive in addressing the practical applications of the law,” said OSE Executive Director, Carol Carson. “As the 2008 election season heats up with the national party conventions on the horizon, we hope to educate and inform public officials and lobbyists well before they enter into situations that may involve the ethics codes.”

The OSE also offers 6 recently-updated plain-language guides to the ethics codes, including the *Citizen’s guide to Filing a Complaint*.

Visit www.ct.gov/ethics and click on “Public Information,” then “Publications” to view or download these guides.

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