



# ILLINOIS ETHICS MATTERS

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## RECENT NEWS

- Senate Bill 3965, designating the OEIG to serve as executive inspector general for the RTA and its related Transit Boards (Pace, Metra and CTA), now awaits signature by the Governor.
- Revised forms and instructions regarding “revolving door” employment restrictions may now be found at the OEIG’s website.
- Various employment opportunities within the OEIG may be found at its website.

## A Message from the First Deputy Inspector General



As we start the new year, I want to bring to your attention a few matters regarding the confidentiality of OEIG investigative reports.

### **Protection of Complainants’ Identities**

By law, OEIG investigative materials are generally confidential. In particular, the OEIG makes every effort, in conformance to the law, to protect the identity of those who file complaints of alleged misconduct. When necessary, our Office will seek relief from the courts, as we recently did in federal court, to protect a complainant’s identity from disclosure.

### **The Release of Summary Reports**

OEIG investigative information may be lawfully disclosed under certain circumstances. For example, a copy of the OEIG’s summary report, which does not disclose the identity of the complainant, may be provided to the head of the affected State agency and ultimate jurisdictional authority, such as the Governor. Often, the agency head is notified that he or she may use and disclose the OEIG report and related evidentiary materials to others within the agency for the limited purpose of implementing OEIG recommendations. This might include, for example, implementation of employee disciplinary action. In most instances, the OEIG anticipates that the summary report will be made available to the subject(s) of the investigation.

### **Publication of OEIG Reports by the EEC**

The EEC may authorize the public release of OEIG summary reports. Prior to their release, portions of the reports may be redacted. EEC published reports may be found on both the EEC’s and the OEIG’s websites. For a more complete explanation of the laws and rules relating to the confidentiality of OEIG investigative materials and disclosure of reports, copies of the Ethics Act and EEC Rules are available on the OEIG’s and EEC’s websites.

**Cole S. Kain**  
First Deputy Inspector General

## 2011 State Employee Ethics Training

Many full-time State employees will participate in an Internet-based ethics training course beginning in April 2011 to meet their annual ethics training obligation. Employees, appointees and officials will be notified by their respective State agencies concerning when and how to complete ethics training.

Training during 2011, for those individuals subject to the OEIG’s jurisdiction, contains among its other new lessons and examples, information regarding:

- **recent amendments to the Illinois Procurement Code (procurement communications reporting);**
- **submitting online reports of misconduct; and**
- **employees’ rights and responsibilities related to investigations.**

**David Keahl**  
Director of Ethics Training  
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**Calendar of Events:** February 2, 2011, Executive Inspector General Meza will address the Central Illinois Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration in Springfield. February 9, 2011, the Illinois Chapter of the Association of Inspectors General will meet in Chicago. May 18, 2011, The National Association of Inspectors General National Conference will be held in Chicago.