



# Illinois Ethics Matters

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## Recent News

The OEIG is pleased to announce the following additions to its staff:

- **Edward Mroczkowski** joined the OEIG as an Assistant Inspector General in the Springfield office, effective December 1, 2015.
- **Joseph O’Sullivan** re-joined the OEIG as an Investigator in the Regional Transit Board Division, effective December 15, 2015.
- **Andrew Besalke** joined the OEIG as an Investigative Intern in the Chicago office, effective January 4, 2016.

## Reminder Regarding Political Activity



With the approach of the March 15, 2016 General Primary, the OEIG reminds state employees that the Ethics Act limits the time, place and manner of certain political activities.

State employees may support or oppose candidates or ballot referendums on their own time and using their own resources. However, if state employees are on compensated time, other than vacation, personal or compensatory time off, it is inappropriate to engage in political activities, which are defined by the Ethics Act to including but not limited to:

- Planning a political meeting
- Distributing campaign literature
- Preparing responses to a candidate questionnaire

At no time, though, can state employees use state resources – e.g., computers, copiers or telephones – to engage in prohibited political activities.

The Ethics Act also provides that no state employee, candidate for elective office, lobbyist, or representative of any political organization may solicit, offer, receive or give campaign contributions on state property, unless that property has been rented from the state by a private person or entity.

If you have any questions regarding political activities, please confer with your agency’s ethics officer.

## OEIG CY2015 Stats

- The OEIG concluded 130 investigations in CY2015, up from 83 in CY2014.
- The OEIG received 358 requests for revolving door determinations in CY2015, nearly double the 184 received in CY2014.
- The number of complaints received declined slightly from 2,683 in CY2014 to 2,579 in CY2015.
- Opened investigations declined slightly from 102 in CY2014 to 98 in CY2015.

The OEIG continues to oversee more than 175,000 public servants at over 350 agencies, departments, and boards.