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# Ethics and the IG: An Overview of Florida's Ethics Laws

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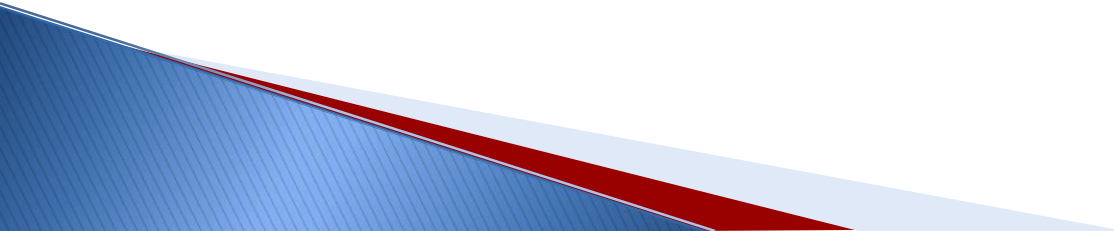
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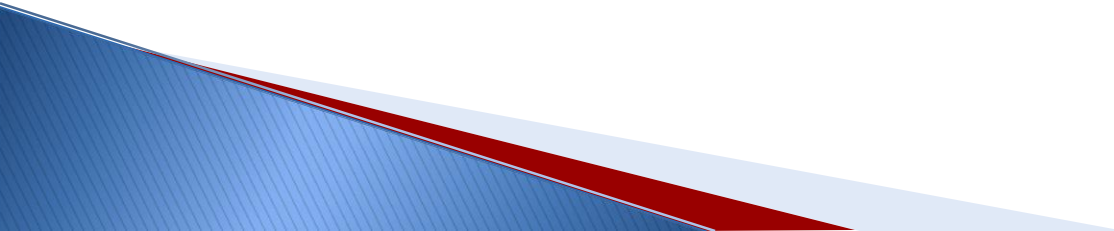
# The Commission's role

- Nine member Legislative Branch Entity
  - Investigates and reports on complaints
  - Renders advisory opinions
  - Administers financial disclosure laws
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# Financial Disclosure

- Form 1 must be filed within 30 days of employment/appointment
  - Annual disclosure due July 1
  - Automatic fines for late filing
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# Conflicts of Interest

- Prohibitions on self-dealing  
Section 112.313(3), Florida Statutes
  - Prohibitions on certain kinds of contractual or employment relationships  
Section 112.313(7), Florida Statutes
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# Voting Conflicts

A voting conflict exists when the measure at issue inures to the special private gain of the official or his/her relative, principal, or business associate

Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes



# Misuse of Office

Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes prohibits the corrupt use or attempted use of position or the resources of position for personal benefit or to benefit another


# Nepotism

A public official may not hire or promote a relative, or advocate for such hiring or promotion

Section 112.3135, Florida Statutes



# Gift Laws

- 112.313(2): Solicitation/Acceptance
  - 112.313(4): Unauthorized Compensation
  - 112.3148: Gift Reporting/Prohibited Receipt
  - 112.3149: Honoraria & Honorarium Event Related Expenses
  - 112.3215: Executive Branch Lobbyist Expenditures
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# Post-employment Restrictions

- Prohibitions on representing entities before your former agency  
Section 112.313(9), Florida Statutes
- Prohibitions on working in connection with contracts you dealt with as a public employee  
Section 112.3185, Florida Statutes
- Prohibition on use of “inside information” gained by reason of your public position  
Section 112.313(8), Florida Statutes



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## *Questions?*

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