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When the star New York baseball player steps into the on-deck circle to take his practice swings, to ready himself for that crowd-pleasing grand slam, he brings with him a very important piece of equipment: a weight – small and circular – that will ring his bat and require from his warm-up swings just a bit more *oomph* for the very same effect. In this month's Puzzler: that's you.

When the world-weary kung-fu neonate performs their intricate kata of blocks and strikes, she does so while maintaining a precarious balance – ensuring, at all times, that the bucket atop her head will not spill, drip, nor face any disturbance from the machinations of her wizened, bewhiskered kung-fu master. That's also you.

When James Bond needs to infiltrate a base or interrogate a prisoner for some sort of high-stakes government mission, he has a couple martinis first. And you know what: this one is NOT you. This one's just a poor example of public service from someone who fully knows what is expected of him and just *will not* get with the program. (Do better, 007.) But anyway.

We often talk about how an understanding of Chapter 68 can give you a "field awareness" of ethics issues, so that when potential conflicts of interest arise in the course of you and your colleagues' work, you'll be empowered to quickly identify and resolve those conflicts with little disruption to the City's delivery of services or its reputation. But to do that you must train. Under the toughest conditions. You must be ready to spot ethics issues at every moment. Behold: an ethics word scrambled beyond all recognition: its true meaning obfuscated forever!



"BRIEB"

What ethics word is that, eh? Oh? It's "Bribe?"

Well, okay, I didn't jumble that one up very well, and it ended up reading phonetically exactly the same as the correct answer. But I won't make that mistake again!

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TOAONIT 6. IVRLOEVOROGND 7. RLRAUMTAACETIRPT 8. IADAESCSYTPAROT 9. VWREAI

Unscramble, identify, and [report the following ethics terms to us by 4/12](#) to prove you are this month's battle-ready ethics warrior, ready to stand alongside such greats as the Administration for Children's Services' CHRIS K. PAPA, who earned his place of honor in Ethics Valhalla by cracking last month's tricky Attorney of the Day Hotline cipher. Will you join him?