

THE PUBLIC SERVICE PUZZLER

DECEMBER 2024

Editor: Rob Casimir

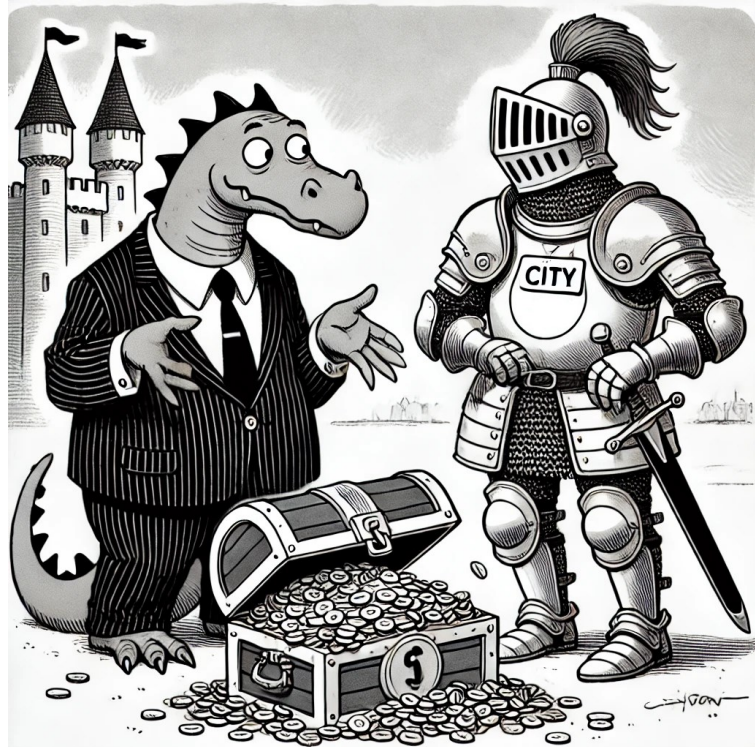
RESOLUTION: ETHICS

I am delighted to report that my children received every single gift they asked of Santa Claus this year, including, but not limited to: a [DVD box set of the COIB's educational training videos](#), two vintage, mint-condition [copies of the Plain Language Guide to Chapter 68](#), and an [Attorney of the Day Hotline action figure](#) with multiple articulable joints and points about the importance of government ethics. This is simply what my children wanted; I had no influence on the matter.

Anyway, with the winter holiday now firmly in our rear view mirror, we're left with just one milestone remaining: New Year's Eve. Have you made a New Year's resolution yet? I mean, other than the one about [scheduling your office's Chapter 68 training](#) for the coming year. That one's a given.

Me? This year, I'm going to resolve to make the *Puzzler* more accessible. I think we can all agree that, looking back, some of those logic puzzles got a little out of control: we [had COIB trainers drinking magical truth serum coffees](#), [a counterfeiting problem in the Kingdom of Ethics](#), and a [municipal ethics-themed puzzle partially devised by Albert Einstein, himself!](#) All that and we *still* had time to learn a little bit about [the timeshare economy in Boca Raton](#) — the *Puzzler*, folks: what a publication!

But this month we're going back to basics with a good old-fashioned Caption Contest. **See the cartoon above?** Well, like most great art, I have a feeling it's trying to communicate something about Chapter 68 — maybe about [gifts, or moonlighting, or misuse of position](#) — but I can't quite decide what. That's where you come in: [send me your best, funniest, most interesting Chapter 68-themed caption](#) for this image and you could be the one standing tall like Michael Greene, last month's *Puzzler* crossword winner, in the *Jonathan Hoffman and Peter Kontogiannis Hall of Ethics and Excellence!* Happy New Year everyone — here's to another year of govt ethics!



"Imagine how good an ethics-themed caption would look here."

NYC CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BOARD

THE JONATHAN HOFFMAN + PETER KONTOGIANNIS

HALL OF ETHICS AND EXCELLENCE

LUKE SZABADOS – BUILDINGS

AMY HOM – DFTA

ELISABETH TOPALTZAS – DORIS

CHRISTOPHER LYNCH – LAW DEPT

HUNTER IGOE – LAW DEPT

HEATHER MURAKAMI – HONOLULU ETHICS COMMISSION

MELISSA HESTER – ACS

MARY LANE – FINANCE

KATIE MILLER – TIC

EVA GAMBINO – FINANCE

TOBY SINGER – DEP

ROBERT ROLANDI – FINANCE

JAMES TOBACK – OCME

FLORENCE MAUETTE – FINANCE

SHAWNORA GULLEY – BUILDINGS

MELINDA CALDERON – OCME

IVAN SANTIAGO – DSS

WILLIAM FLETCHER – NYPD

STYLIANI KARPADAKIS – OCME

BERNARD BRAUN – LAW DEPT

NIGEL G.O. MANUEL – BUILDINGS

MICHELE SIMENSKY – LAW DEPT

NANCY SULTAN-LORMIL – BUILDINGS

SHIVAJEET CHAKRABORTY – TIC

CHARLOTTE YIH – COMPTROLLER

JONATHAN HOFFMAN – DEP

MICHAEL GREENE – DSS

GARFIELD S. SCARDER – SCA

SARAH ROBERSON – PARKS

KIMFA CARRINGTON – DOT

VINCENT RIVELLESE – BRONX DA

YVONNE CHOW – DSNY

SIMONE KING – DOT

ALEXANDER YELLEN – NYCHA

LISA BRANDQUIST – DSNY

KELLAN STANNER – PARKS

PUI CHING – SBS

SANDRA COLLYMORE – FINANCE

JAMES DAVIE JR. – BUILDINGS

ROLANDA OSBOURNE – FINANCE

EUJEAN PARK – SBS

CHRIS K. PAPA – ACS

KATHY TUZNAK – DDC

MONICA DOYLE – FINANCE

DIANA HERRERA – FISA-OPA

MARIE SAMPLES – OCME

LAURA GODFREY – DCA

JOHN RAYALLI – FINANCE

TORREY FISHMAN – MOIA

MICHAEL LEVARIO – APPOINTMENTS

PETER KONTOGIANNIS – DEP

EUGENE MASSEY (2X) – DOHMH

CINDY CHEN – DOT