

NYC CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BOARD

THE PUBLIC SERVICE PUZZLER

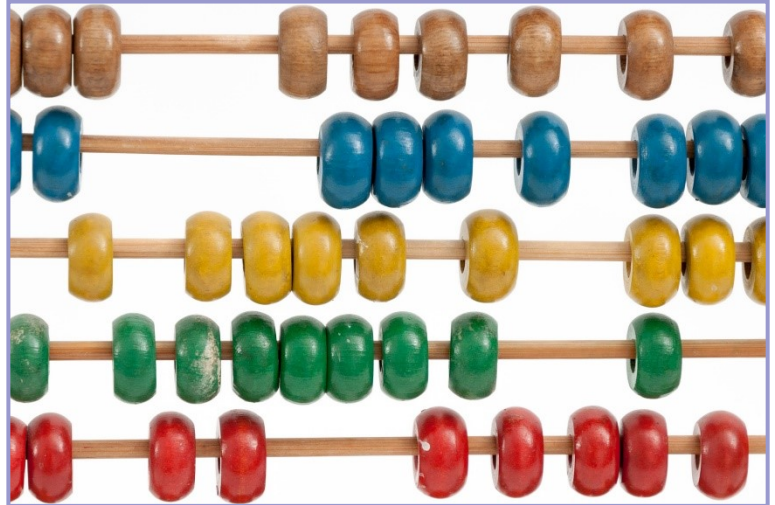
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ETHICAL EQUATIONS

For this month's Puzzler, you may want a pencil.

Take the number of [the New York City Charter chapter](#) in which the Conflicts of Interest Law is found, multiply that by the number of days in a week, then add the number of hours in a day, because public servants should follow the law every hour of every day.



Divide by 5, then add that number to the year on the New York City seal (which isn't even [all that accurate!](#)).

Subtract that number from the last year that a New York baseball team won the World Series, then add the number of boroughs of New York City.

Since you can always call [311](#) for help with any City issue, multiply 3 and 11 and add that to the square root of the number above.

You should now have a final number that's very important for all public servants to know! Email us with the number **and a sentence or two on its ethical significance** at contest@coib.nyc.gov by 5:00 on Friday, March 13th.

We'll select one correct entrant at random to be this month's winner!

CAPTION CONTEST WINNER



Things get awkward when Phil suggests a ban on plant-based food and drink in the office.

- Melinda Calderon, OCME

MEET THE WINNER, MELINDA CALDERON



What is your City/office title? City Mortuary Technician, Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

What do you do in your job? I help perform autopsies and transport decedents.

How long have you been working for the City? I will have been working for New York City for a year in March.

Name a special interest or hobby. I like painting and drawing.

What are your favorite things about City service? My favorite thing about city service is making a difference for the people we serve.