

COIB PUBLIC SERVICE PUZZLER



Sometimes words get jumbled. And when that happens, someone's got to un-jumble them. And when THAT happens in the Puzzler, you get:

this month's contest!

On the next page you will find a conflicts of interest word jumble. First, unscramble each ethics-related word, with one letter to each square, then use the circled letters to complete the phrase in quotes below the jumbled words.



To enter, send your unscrambled words and complete phrase to contest@coib.nyc.gov by 5pm on

December 29th. One winner will be selected at random from the pool of all entrants who correctly solve the jumble.

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COIB NOVEMBER PUZZLER



Congratulations to the winner of the November Public Service Puzzler, **Louis La Porte** of **DOF!!** The November Puzzler was a literary conflicts contest—we provided the name of the author & synopsis of their classic novel, rewritten to address an aspect of Chapter 68 and you matched the synopsis with the reworked titles. See the correct matches below, and learn more about Louis in our profile on the next page.

Synopsis

Reworked Titles

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| 1. Dostoyevsky's story about a 19 th century public servant who sells a City axe to a pawn broker for personal gain. | ↔ | Misuse of City Resources and Enforcement Disposition |
| 2. 2001 novel by Jonathan Franzen about a dysfunctional city office where subordinates are constantly badgered by their boss to contribute to group gifts. | ↔ | The Collections |
| 3. Classic stage hit by Arthur Miller about a lowly salesperson who gets in trouble with the law for trying to bribe a public official. | ↔ | Arrest of a Salesman |
| 4. A novel about a father and daughter on the road during the depression. The dad works in government, and has a job on the side with a company does business with the City, but he doesn't apply for a waiver because he's a bit of a scoundrel | ↔ | Paper Moonlighting |
| 5. An aging COIB Enforcement Attorney must marshal all his knowledge as he pursues one final misuse of position case, a whopper requiring him to draw upon all of the Board's most esoteric advisory opinions and rules. | ↔ | The Old Man and the b-3 Violation |
| 6. Nurse Ratched has retired from the hospital, and wants to seek grants for her new health care consulting business from her former employer, but is frustrated to have to wait one year to communicate on behalf of her new business with her former agency. What will she do??! | ↔ | One Year after One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest |
| 7. The taste of a stale coffee-cart bagel unleashes a flood of memories for former public servant Swan, who wistfully recalls the things he can never again work on now that he has left City service for the private sector. | ↔ | Remembrance of Particular Matters Past |
| 8. Cultural Affairs staffer Alex receives a package at work, containing a small sculpture of a working clock in the shape of an orange, from a grateful grant-recipient, and now, after asking for advice, must endure an extremely detailed lecture from a COIB attorney on all the different Chapter 68 implications of the gift. | ↔ | A Clockwork Orange |



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NOVEMBER PUZZLER WINNER



LOUIS LA PORTE
Department of Finance

Q: What is your City/office title?

A: Computer Systems Manager M2.

Q: What do you do in your job?

A: Informatica Administrator for Department of Finance - CPRR.

Q: How long have you been working for the City?

A: Three years.

Q: Name a special interest or hobby!

A: Golf and Music (guitar player).

Q: What's your favorite thing about City service?

A: The people .

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