

PUBLIC SERVICE PUZZLER

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HAIKU POETRY CHAPTER 68 EDITION

This month's puzzler puts forth the challenge of writing the best haiku poem on the deep subject of conflicts of interest.

A haiku poem consists of 3 lines: The first and last lines have 5 syllables, and the middle line has 7 syllables. Here is an example:

I serve the City
Grateful person offers tip
I must not accept

To enter, email your poem to contest@coib.nyc.gov by June 26th. The winner will be randomly chosen from a pool of finalists selected by our judges.

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MAY PUZZLER

Congratulations to the winner of the May Public Service Puzzler, Jeff Smith!! The May Puzzler asked for a humorous caption to go with a conflicts of interest related cartoon. Below is Jeff's winning caption. Continue on to the next pages to find out a bit more about our winner!



“Given the cost of return shipping, they recommended I place it in a common area and make it available to anyone passing by”



MAY PUZZLER WINNER!



What is your City/office title? *Special Assistant Corporation Counsel.*

What do you do in your job? *I am a postgraduate fellow in the Tort Division Special Litigation Unit.*

How long have you been working for the City? *Since February 2017.*

Name a special interest or hobby. *One of my big interests is international relations and defense policy. I have a M.A. in Intelligence & International Security from King's College London. I'm also from North Carolina and went to UNC, so I'm a big Tar Heels basketball fan.*

What's your favorite thing about City service? *Getting the chance to see the importance of the day-to-day work being done by so many other City agencies. I'm always impressed by the complexity of governing the City and delivering efficient services all of the 8.5 million people living here. Seeing so many people working together in so many different ways helps me to understand how my own work can make a small, but real, difference in my neighbors' lives.*

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