

NYC CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BOARD

MARCH PUBLIC SERVICE PUZZLER

MARCH MADNESS

by Guest Puzzlers Joanne Giura & Grace Cho, Annual Disclosure Unit

<p>Your long-time friend gives you NCAA Final Four tickets worth \$1300</p> <hr/> <p><i>Gift, Non-City Business</i></p>		<p>You own stocks worth \$1500 in a sporting goods manufacturer</p> <hr/>
<p>You work as a part-time chiropractor for the St. Francis Brooklyn Terriers</p> <hr/>		<p>Your sister oversees an afterschool basketball league for DYCD</p> <hr/>
<p>LIU Brooklyn gives you a \$1000 honorarium for a speech about sports management</p> <hr/>		<p>You loaned a friend \$6000 when his sports memorabilia shop had a slow month</p> <hr/>
<p>You serve on the Sports Ethics Committee on the St. Francis College board</p> <hr/>		<p>Wildcard</p> <hr/>
<p>Gift, Non-City Business</p> <p>Money Owed to Filer</p> <p>Deferred Income</p>	<p>Security</p> <p>Relative in City Service</p>	<p>Licensed Profession</p> <p>Non-City Income Position</p>

It's [Annual Disclosure Season](#), so it's time to fill in those brackets!

Each item on the bracket would have to be reported in an Annual Disclosure filing. Match each one to its correct reporting category from the list below (we've filled in the first one). **One category will be left over.** Email this "wildcard" to contest@coib.nyc.gov by 5 pm on Friday, March 29th; we'll select one correct entrant to be this month's winner.

And for those of you who file: the filing period runs from April 8th to May 3rd.

JANUARY SOLUTION: RIDDLE ME THUS

I once was Assistant Trainee (Class II) Clerk
For a big City agency. Each day at work
At my desk I would help all the vendors with questions
I'd give their bids feedback, comments, suggestions.
To my friends who still work there, I mean no disrespect here
But I knew I could do more if I went private sector.
If you take charge of your life, your success is ensured
So I have become, now, an entrepreneur.



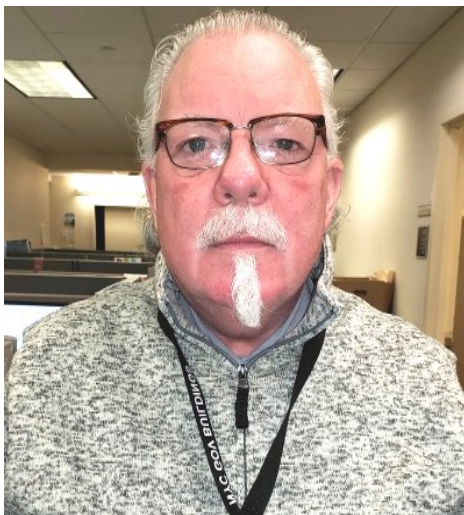
Now six months later, and wouldn't you guess
But I found myself standing at the very same desk
That I had once used! See, I was submitting
A bid for my business to fix some pipe fittings.
I'm sure they'll pick us, I know just what appeals —
Oh look! Here's some mail, with the City's round seal!
Wait, Conflicts of Interest Board? Probable Cause?!
This letter says I might have broken the law!

I've left City service, but now I am scared.
Help me, dear reader! Tell me: how did I err?

ANSWER: This former public servant violated the **One Year Appearance Ban** by making a compensated appearance at the former City agency only six months after leaving.

Want to learn more about the City's post-employment restrictions? Check out COIB's [Leaving City Service](#) FAQ.

MEET THE WINNER, NIGEL C.O. MANUEL



What is your City/office title? Code Development Coordinator, Department of Buildings

What do you do in your job? I coordinate the work of the Fire Protection Systems and Mechanical, Boiler and HVAC Committees contributing to the revision of the New York City Construction Codes.

How long have you been working for the City? Over three years.

Name a special interest or hobby. Golf and playing AC/DC on my ukulele.

What are your favorite things about City service? Being part of a very talented and generous Code Development family.