

NYC CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BOARD

SEPTEMBER PUBLIC SERVICE PUZZLER

RIDDLE ME THIS

*A tisket, a tasket, a fancy fruit-filled basket
was left by a client for me to claim.
It's clear my work earned it, but I cannot return it
for stuck to the basket's a note: "Thanks!" but no name.*

*A tisket, a tasket, I'd like to take this basket
home as a well-deserved, long-overdue prize.
Is that the right choice? Please lift up your voice
and let me know what you, ethics hero, advise.*

Submit the advice (which doesn't need to rhyme) that you'd offer this person to contest@coib.nyc.gov by 5 pm on Friday, October 12th.

The answer judged by our staff as the *most correct* according to Chapter 68 will earn its writer a COIB prize package and a profile in next month's *Public Service Puzzler*. If need be, we'll select a random winner from among entries tied for "most correct."

MEET LAST MONTH'S WINNER, MICHAEL LEVARIO

What is your City/office title? Vetting Manager/Deputy Assistant Commissioner at the Mayor's Office of Appointments.

What do you do in your job? I vet candidates that the Mayor may appoint to senior-level positions, such as Commissioners, Special Advisors, or Board members (e.g., RGB, LPC, COIB and many others); I also assist with legal guidance and compliance.



How long have you been working for the City? I've been working for the City for 1 year and 5 months; through college & law school, I interned with DOI, City Council, HPD, and former Comptroller John C. Liu's Office.

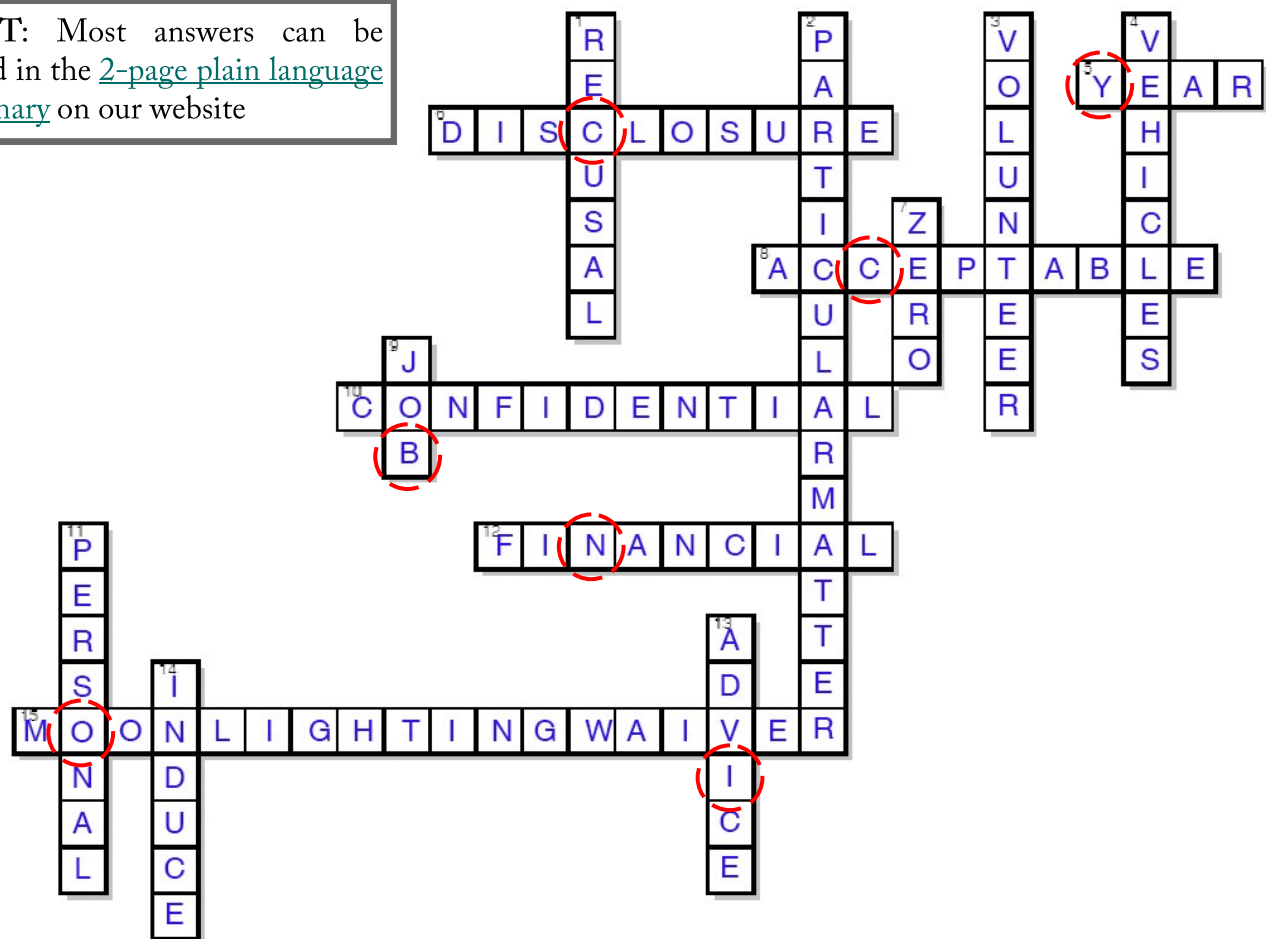
Name a special interest or hobby. I play on the Mayor's Office softball team (go Bears!).

What are your favorite things about City service? Helping to make NYC one of the best cities in the world and the amazing people I get to work with.

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ANSWER KEY

HINT: Most answers can be found in the [2-page plain language summary](#) on our website



DOWN

- 1 Often pairs with answer to 6 Across
- 2 A specific project, worked on “personally and substantially”
- 3 Low-level, unpaid role at a not-for-profit
- 4 These drive many misuse cases
- 7 Permitted amount for a gratuity
- 9 Do not seek this from a business you work with at the City
- 11 Using one’s City position for this kind of gain is a problem
- 13 Freely available by calling (212) 442-1400
- 14 Helping someone violate the law

ACROSS

- 5 Post-Employment Appearance Ban length
- 6 Some must file this report annually
- 8 _____ Use Policy
- 10 Information that cannot be shared
- 12 Prohibited superior-subordinate relationship
- 15 Did Bruce Willis need one to film *Die Hard* while he had a TV job?

Final Clue: an important set of letters for all social media fans: **NYCCOIB**

That’s right, social media mavens: **@NYCCOIB** is our handle on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#). Check us out!

And thanks to everyone who sent in entries.



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