

FY 2021 Formal Advisory Opinions

Date	Source	Case	Case Type	Issue	Opinion/Response
October 20, 2020	21-0040	Official	Conflict of Interest	Whether there is a conflict of interest when a County Official serves on a nonprofit board that conducts business with the County.	The Official's role as Chair of the Board of an organization that received grant funding from the County and the Official's role as the People's Zoning Counsel with the County is not a conflict of interest. However, the individual's functioning in different roles with his business, the nonprofit and as a County Official intermingle at times and creates an appearance of a violation or conflict of interest. Further, as a County Official he is required under the County's Ethics Code to disclose any position held on a County board or commission.
December 7, 2020	21-0070	Official	Conflict of Interest	Whether a potential conflict of interest exists in business activity involving real property transactions with entities doing business with the County.	Under Section 2-293(a) County Council Member is prohibited from participating in any matter where a business entity in which the official has an employment interest or a direct financial interest, is a party to the matter. The County Council Member must consult with the Board of Ethics regarding the permissibility to engage in secondary employment work as a broker with any business entity, especially an entity doing business with the County.