



AB 1234 Self-Assessment Test Part I—Financial Interests and Perks

Instructions

Earn 1 hour of AB 1234 credit by reading the AB 1234 training materials. Then take the attached self-assessment, choosing the best answer for each question.

Send the completed Part I test, completed form and payment (\$25) to:

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You will receive the correct answers and an AB 1234 certificate within four weeks.

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1. Because most public service ethics laws are relatively simple and a matter of common sense, it is usually not necessary to consult with an attorney to determine what an official should do in any given situation.  
 True       False
  
2. If an official receives something other than money in exchange for an official action, it cannot be a bribe because bribery must involve the receipt of money.  
 True       False
  
3. A public official may not make, participate in, or influence a governmental decision that will have a foreseeable and material financial effect on the official, the official's immediate family, or any of the official's economic interests.  
 True       False
  
4. It is okay to vote on a matter in which one has a financial interest, as long as you vote against your financial interest.  
 True       False
  
5. Generally speaking, public officials who have input into redevelopment project areas may not acquire property in those areas.  
 True       False
  
6. An official may have an interest in a contract with his or her agency, as long as he or she disqualifies him- or herself from participating in the decision-making process relating to the contract.  
 True       False
  
7. There's no risk of going to jail if one violates public service ethics laws.  
 True       False
  
8. The monetary threshold for having a potentially disqualifying interest in real estate is a) \$2,000 b) \$50,000, or c) \$100,000. [circle the most accurate]

9. If you have a disqualifying conflict of interest, it's okay to observe the decision-making process from inside the room, as long as one steps down from the dais.
- True       False
10. Meals that others pay for are not considered reportable gifts.
- True       False
11. If an airline upgrades the mayor to first-class, the mayor faces having to pay triple the value of the upgrade as a penalty.
- True       False
12. Generally speaking, public officials may not accept fees for giving a speech, writing an article or attending a public or private conference, convention, meeting, social event, meal or similar gathering.
- True       False
13. Public officials may use public resources for personal or political purposes as long as the use occurs after hours.
- True       False
14. An elected official may not solicit his or her agency's employees for campaign contributions.
- True       False
15. It would be okay for a local company to pay for an official's airfare to travel to the city's sister city as long as the official reports the cost of the trip.
- True       False
16. If a particular course of action is legal, then it is likely to be perceived by the public as also being ethical.
- True       False