

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST SIMPLIFIED**

A conflict of interest is a situation in which an individual has competing interests or loyalties. The conflict itself creates a clash between that individual's self-interest or bias and the situation on hand. It calls into question whether this individual can discharge his responsibilities in a fair, objective and impartial manner.

This applies to everyone who may be involved in a situation where previous and or current personal relationships and or associations exist. Any prior association or relationship raises the real or perceived possibility of prejudice or favoritism which is contrary to the fair administration of the situation on hand.

A conflict of interest prohibits an individual from participating in the situation. The mere appearance of a conflict of interest is sufficient to disqualify the individual.

There are laws and rules and regulations addressing every aspect of conflict of interest in private, public and governmental situations, therefore it is advisable to consult an attorney when a possible conflict of interest may be present.

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Above is only a summary and it is based on research of federal and state statutes and rules and regulations applicable to federally exempted organizations.