

(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT — CONTESTED CASES) OF THIS ARTICLE.

[(b)](D) (1) Except for a former member of the General Assembly, who shall be subject to the restrictions provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection, a former official or employee may not assist or represent a party, other than the State, in a case, contract, or other specific matter for compensation if:

- (i) the matter involves State government; and
- (ii) the former official or employee participated significantly in the matter as an official or employee.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, until the conclusion of the next regular session that begins after the member leaves office, a former member of the General Assembly may not assist or represent another party for compensation in a matter that is the subject of legislative action.

(ii) The limitation under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph on representation by a former member of the General Assembly does not apply to the former member's representation of a municipal corporation, county, or State governmental entity.

[(c)](E) Notwithstanding subsection (a)[(2)] (3) of this section or § 15-502 of this subtitle, a full-time official or employee in the Judicial Branch may not represent a party before a court or unit of the Judicial Branch except in the discharge of official duties.

15-505. Solicitation or acceptance of gifts or honoraria.

(a) (1) An official or employee may not solicit any gift.

(2) A regulated lobbyist described in subsection (b) (4) of this section may not knowingly make a gift, directly or indirectly, to an official or employee that the regulated lobbyist knows or has reason to know is in violation of this section.

(3) AN OFFICIAL MAY NOT DIRECTLY SOLICIT OR FACILITATE THE SOLICITATION OF A GIFT, ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON, FROM ~~A PERSON REQUIRED TO BE REGULATED UNDER § 15-701~~ AN INDIVIDUAL REGULATED LOBBYIST DESCRIBED IN § 15-701(A)(1) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, an official or employee may not knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from an entity that the official or employee knows or has reason to know:

(1) does or seeks to do any business of any kind, regardless of amount, with the official's or employee's governmental unit;

(2) engages in an activity that is regulated or controlled by the official's or employee's governmental unit;