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(2) WRITING AN ARTICLE, OTHER THAN A BOOK, THAT HAS BEEN OR IS INTENDED TO BE PUBLISHED.

3-106.

(a) An official or employee may not solicit any gift. No official or employee may knowingly accept any gift, directly or indirectly, from any person whom the official or employee knows or has reason to know:

(1) Is doing or seeking to do business of any kind with his THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S agency;

(2) Is engaged in activities which are regulated or controlled by his THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S agency;

(3) Has financial interests which may be substantially and materially affected, in a manner distinguishable from the public generally, by the performance or nonperformance of his THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S official duty; or

(4) Is a registrant with respect to matters within his THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S jurisdiction.

(b) [Unless] ~~EXCEPT--AS--PROVIDED--IN--§--3-106.1--OF--THIS ARTICLE,~~ UNLESS a gift of any of the following would tend to impair the impartiality and the independence of judgment of the official or employee receiving it or, if of significant value, would give the appearance of doing so, or, if of significant value, the recipient official or employee believes, or has reason to believe, that it is designed to do so, subsection (a) does not apply to:

(1) Meals and beverages that are received by the recipient official or employee in the presence of the donor or sponsoring entity;

(2) Ceremonial gifts or awards which have insignificant monetary value;

(3) Unsolicited gifts of nominal value or trivial items of informational value;

(4) Reasonable expenses for food, travel, lodging, and scheduled entertainment of the official or employee for a meeting which is given in return for participation in a panel or speaking engagement at the meeting;

(5) Gifts of tickets or free admission extended to an elected constitutional officer to attend professional or intercollegiate sporting events or charitable, cultural, or