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Topic: Conflicts of Interest and Sworn Statements of Assets

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Overview of Ethics Program in U.S. Government's Executive Branch

- U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE)
- Role of Agency Ethics Officials

Elements of Executive Branch Ethics Program

- Written Enforceable Standards
- Financial Disclosure
- Training and Counseling
- Oversight

The "Rules"

- Criminal Statutes, Civil Statutes, and Administrative Standards
- Supplemental Rules at Specific Agencies
- Applicability to Employee Categories
- President Obama's "Ethics Pledge"
- Content of Rules:
 - General Principles of Conduct
 - Conflicting Financial Interests
 - Conflicting Personal and Business Relationships
 - Outside Employment and Activities
 - Misuse of Position
 - Gifts
 - Post-Government Employment Restrictions

Financial Disclosure

- Public and Confidential Reporting Systems
- Filing Requirements
- Content of Reports