

**REDACTED**  
**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**  
**AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

20-12-2820

<b>PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>	
Name of public employee:	Stephen P. Fauteux
Title or Position:	Chief of Enforcement Division
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	<p>I am expected to perform official duties as a state employee, and I have a private history with a person who may be impacted by my performance of those duties. A reasonable person might conclude that the person can unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of someone's kinship, rank, position or undue influence.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to explain the facts about this relationship and to dispel the appearance that I have a conflict of interest.</p>
<b>APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE</b>	
Describe the issue that is coming before you for decision or action.	Whether to pursue two complaints, each alleging that a different Massachusetts state member is representing private clients before a related state board.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	As the Enforcement Division chief, I will review the investigators' recommendations and decide whether to do follow-ups regarding some or all of these allegations and will decide whether to assign the case to a team or close it at the Intake stage.
Describe your relationship or affiliation with someone involved.	<p>In the fall 2011, in parking my car in the McCormick Building garage, I scraped/scratched a car parked in the next space. I left a note, and the owner called me a few days later. I apologized, and asked the owner to get an appraisal and tell me the repair cost. Shortly thereafter, I learned that the owner was a member of a state board. I have never heard back from him. I have assumed he decided not to bother having the minor damage repaired.</p> <p>The relationship between the state board member and the related board is not clear to me.</p>
<b>Optional:</b> Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	

<b>If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.</b>	<b>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</b> <u>  X  </u> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.
Employee signature:	<i>Stephen P. Gauthier</i>
Date:	May 7, 2012 Redacted on June 22, 2012

**Attach additional pages if necessary.**

**Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.**

**Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.**

**Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.**

**Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.**

**Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.**