

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

<b>PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>	
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	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could 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 kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
<b>APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE</b>	
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	I applied for a job opening with the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce (GBCC). There is a possibility that legislation affecting the interests of GBCC may come to me for review.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	My role requires me to review legislation for legality and proper drafting. I make edits to the legislation and provide my opinion of whether it needs to be amended or raises a substantive legal concern.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I applied for an open position with GBCC and have been scheduled for an interview.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	In my role as Assistant Counsel, there is a chance that legislation affecting GBCC's interests may come before me for review.

<p><b>Optional:</b> Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.</p>	<p>If legislation that may affect the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce comes before me, I will inform my supervisor that there is a potential appearance of impropriety so they can determine whether there is a conflict and if the task needs to be reassigned to another attorney.</p>
<p><b>If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.</b></p>	<p><b>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.</p>
<p>Employee signature:</p>	<p><i>Charles Ahern</i></p>
<p>Date:</p>	<p>3/5/2021</p>

**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.**