



COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

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FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP DISCLOSURE PROVISION

Nepotism Disclosure Requirement:

Upon filing with the Cook County Clerk, all persons and firms registered as lobbyists with Cook County are required to disclose to the Cook County Board of Ethics the existence of familial relationships with all persons holding elective office in the State of Illinois, the County of Cook, or in any municipality within the County of Cook. County Code, § 2-582(e) (Cook County Ethics Ordinance).

Any person or firm found guilty of failing to make a required familial disclosure or knowingly filing a false, misleading, or incomplete disclosure will be subject to fines and other penalties, including a late filing fee of \$100 per day after an initial 30-day grace period.

Do not hesitate to contact the Board of Ethics at (312) 603-4304 for assistance in determining the scope of any required familial relationship disclosure.

Additional Definitions:

“*Familial relationship*” means a person who is a spouse, domestic partner or civil union partner of a State, County or municipal official, or any person who is related to such an official, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, as a:

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| ▪ Parent | ▪ Grandparent | ▪ Stepfather |
| ▪ Child | ▪ Grandchild | ▪ Stepmother |
| ▪ Brother | ▪ Father-in-law | ▪ Stepson |
| ▪ Sister | ▪ Mother-in-law | ▪ Stepdaughter |
| ▪ Aunt | ▪ Son-in-law | ▪ Stepbrother |
| ▪ Uncle | ▪ Daughter-in-law | ▪ Stepsister |
| ▪ Niece | ▪ Brother-in-law | ▪ Half-brother |
| ▪ Nephew | ▪ Sister-in-law | ▪ Half-sister |