

The Role of Your Agency Attorney

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·Your agency attorney is an important resource for information on what the laws require of you.

·His or her job is to promote compliance with public service ethics laws, not find ways around them.

·Your agency attorney also wants to avoid a situation in which an agency action could be subject to challenge because an official participated in a decision when the official shouldn't have.

·Note that your attorney represents the entire agency, not you as an individual. For that reason, the agency attorney is likely to advise others within your agency if you disregard the attorney's advice on how to comply with the ethics laws.