

To the Honorable,  
Mayor of Milwaukee and the members of the Common Council

**The City of Milwaukee Board of Ethics  
2015 Annual Report**

The City of Milwaukee Board of Ethics administers the Code of Ethics, Chapter 303, which promotes the essential element of public trust. The Board works to implement the Code by issuing confidential advisory opinions, investigating sworn complaints, requiring and reviewing the Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) forms of city employees and board members.

The Ethics Board met seven times during 2015 for its regular meetings.

In 2015, the Board responded to one complaint and one request for confidential opinion. A summary of the opinion request is included in this report. The summary should not be viewed as definitive advice, but rather as a guide to the type of situations addressed by the Board.

The seven citizen members of the Board for 2015 were:

Annie Wacker – Chair  
Robert Shelledy – Vice-Chair  
Patricia Hintz  
Joanne Barndt  
Carrie Davis  
Bradley Kalscheur  
Martha de la Rosa

## **Summary of Opinion Issued In 2015**

**Complaint.** The Board addressed one confidential complaint from a citizen.

### **Potential Conflicts of Interest**

#### **15-2**

A City Employee requested an advisory opinion as to accepting an honoraria and travel expenses from the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation for an Executive Education program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. The Board found that the City Employee may accept the coverage of the cost of the program and travel expenses from the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, and should file a Gift and Honoraria or Payment of Expenses Form with the Ethics Board upon completion of the program.