

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

### ORDER TO OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION REGARDING ADVISORY OPINION 2017-2


In Advisory Opinion No. 2017-2 (“AO 2017-2”), the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board (“Board”) concluded that: (1) because Randy Edsall was for purposes of the Code of Ethics a “state employee”, as of December 28, 2016, the date he and UConn executed a binding and enforceable employment contract, his subsequent negotiations with UConn concerning his son’s salary (among other things) were impermissible under General Statutes § 1-84 (c); and (2) General Statutes § 1-84 (c) prohibits Randy Edsall’s son from being employed by UConn as one of his father’s assistant football coaches.

Notwithstanding the facts and conclusions reached in AO 2017-2, the Board, recognizing the potential disruption for the UConn Athletic Department and the Football Program in particular, exercises its discretion in imposing a remedy in this matter and orders the following:

The Board, instructs the Enforcement Division of the Office of State Ethics as follows:

1. To refrain from: a) filing, or prosecuting, any ethics complaint against Randy Edsall with respect to his negotiation of Corey Edsall’s employment contract with UConn and b) filing, or prosecuting, any ethics complaint against Randy Edsall with respect to Corey Edsall’s existing one year contract with UConn, so long as Corey Edsall’s contract to be employed as one of his father’s assistant football coaches is not renewed.

By order of the Board,

  
Charles-F. Chiusano, Chairperson

Dated: July 20, 2017