

## **Definitions**

Below are terms that are used frequently in the annual disclosure report. Additional terms are defined, where appropriate, in the instructions for each question.

- "Affiliated" means a firm that is a subsidiary of another firm, or two firms that have a parent in common, or two firms with a stockholder in common who owns at least twenty-five (25) percent of the shares of each such firm.
- **'Business Dealings'** means any transaction involving the sale, purchase, rental, disposition or exchange of any goods, services, or property, any license, permit, grant, or benefit, and any performance of or litigation with respect to any of the foregoing, but shall not include any transaction involving a public servant's primary or secondary residence or any ministerial matter.
- **'Relative'**' means the spouse, domestic partner, child, stepchild, brother, sister, parent, or stepparent of the filer or any person whom the filer claimed as a dependent on the filer's most recently filed personal income tax return, and each such relative's spouse or domestic partner.
- **"Domestic partner"** means persons who have a registered domestic partnership, which shall include any partnership registered pursuant to § 3-240 of the Administrative Code.
- "Local agency" means any county, city, town, village, school district, or district corporation, or any agency, department, division, board, commission, council, or bureau thereof, and any public benefit corporation or public authority not included within the definition of a State agency.
- "Ministerial matter" means an administrative act, including the issuance of a license, permit, or other permission, which is carried out in a prescribed manner and does not involve substantial personal discretion.
- "Reporting year" means the year to which the report pertains.
- "Spouse" means the husband or wife of the filer, unless separated pursuant to a judicial order, decree, or judgment or a legally binding separation agreement.
- "State agency" means any New York State department or any division, board, commission, or bureau of any State department; any public benefit corporation, public authority, or commission at least one of whose members is appointed by the Governor; or the State University of New York or the City University of New York, including all their constituent units except community colleges and the independent institutions operating statutory or contract colleges on behalf of the State.
- "Unemancipated child" means any son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter who is under age eighteen (18) at the time of reporting, unmarried, and living in the household of the filer, and shall also include any son or daughter of the spouse or domestic partner of such person who is under age eighteen (18), unmarried, and living in the household of the filer at the time the filer files his or her annual disclosure report.