

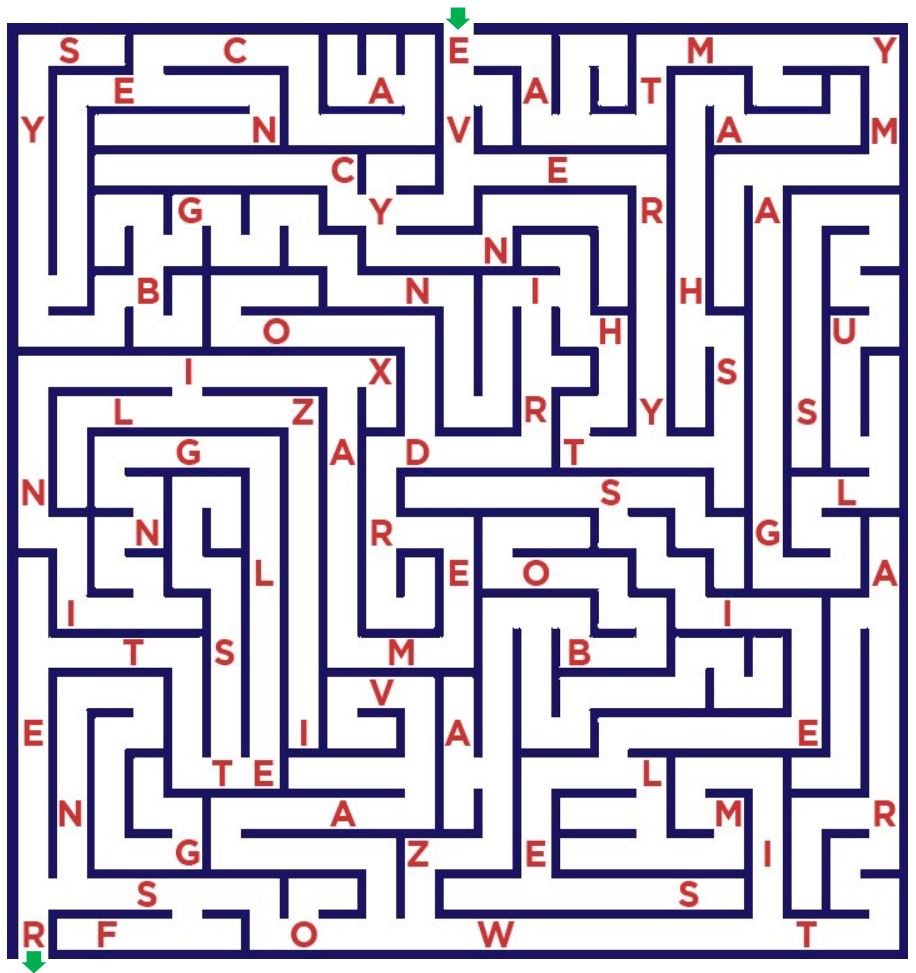
# NYC CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BOARD JULY PUBLIC SERVICE PUZZLER

## A RIDDLE WITHIN A MAZE

Make your way down through this devious maze, keeping track of the letters as you go; they'll reveal a clue that will lead you to a question.

Email the answer to that question and an explanation to [contest@coib.nyc.gov](mailto:contest@coib.nyc.gov) by 5:00 on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We'll select one correct response at random and will feature its writer in our next Puzzler!



## MEET THE WINNER, LINDA FRESE



**What is your City/office title?** Assistant Director for the Department of Forensic Biology at the Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

**What do you do in your job?** I am a forensic DNA manager. Each day, I manage a group of analysts who perform DNA testing on items of evidence from criminal investigations. Through our testing we attempt to link people to items of evidence left at a crime scene.

**How long have you been working for the City?** I have been working here for 17½ years.

**Name a special interest or hobby.** I enjoy spending time with my family and exploring the city.

**What are your favorite things about City service?** I enjoy my job immensely. I am helping make the streets safe for the people of NYC. Our agency's motto is "Science Serving Justice" and this is the reason I come to work each day.

# ENFORCEMENT LOGIC SOLUTION

- The DOE employee received a valuable gift.
- The Staff Analyst did not receive a monetary fine.
- Boris, who is not a Supervisor of Mechanics, received a \$500 fine.
- The political activity was not done by an employee of DCAS.
- The vehicle misuse case received the highest of the three fines.
- The DCAS employee received a greater fine than did the person who worked for DOE.
- Anita works for HPD.

	DCAS	HPD	DOE	Staff Analyst	Supervisor of Mechanics	IT Specialist	Valuable Gift	Vehicle Misuse	Political Activity	Warning Letter	\$500 fine	\$6,000 fine
Anita	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	x	x
Boris	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	x
Carol	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓
Warning Letter	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓			
\$500 fine	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	x			
\$6,000 fine	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	x			
Valuable Gift	x	x	✓	x	x	✓						
Vehicle Misuse	✓	x	x	x	✓	x						
Political Activity	x	✓	x	✓	x	x						
Staff Analyst	x	✓	x									
Supervisor of Mechanics	✓	x	x									
IT Specialist	x	x	✓									

Anita is an HPD Staff Analyst. She performed political activity and received a warning letter.  
 Boris is a DOE IT Specialist. He accepted a valuable gift and paid a \$500 fine.  
 Carol is a DCAS Supervisor of Mechanics. She misused a vehicle and paid a \$6,000 fine.

Editor's Note: this was one of our harder Puzzlers, so we were very impressed with the number of correct submissions this month. While each issue can feature only one winner, we extend our congratulations and praise to the logic skills of our fellow public servants!