



## **FACT SHEET**

### **FTC “Are You Smarter Than an Ethics Official”**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

This training game is loosely based on the hit television program "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" The game is one hour. Participants are divided into two teams. Each team selects a team lead, which is responsible for providing the final answer to the instructor(s) within 30 seconds. Similar to the TV show, each team selects a helper to assist them with answering questions. The two teams can choose either the Ethics Program Specialist, or Deputy Ethics Officials. The chosen ethics official would be assigned to the team throughout the game (all instructors know the answers of course; so we scripted roles--with respect to any given question, one of us would get it right 100% of the time, another 75% of the time, and the other only 50% of the time--before participants arrived, the instructors would "draw straws" to determine who would play which role; participants would be told of the possibilities at the outset and it was fun to watch them attempt to figure out which role their helper had).

#### **PURPOSE**

The instructor led game is used for annual ethics training at the Federal Trade Commission. The game covers Government-wide ethics restrictions, as well as, restrictions that pertain specifically to the FTC.

#### **PRODUCT ADAPTABILITY**

This submission can be readily used as is by other agencies. The game was created using PowerPoint. Thus, it is simple to alter the game content.

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