Ethics and Compliance

ABOUT

Texas A&M AgriLife is committed to upholding the highest standard of ethical conduct and compliance with the legal obligations of the AgriLife agencies. In support of these efforts, the AgriLife Ethics and Compliance Office has been established within AgriLife Administrative Services to provide ethics and management advisory services, as well as to promote compliance with applicable federal, state, Texas A&M University System, and agency laws, policies, regulations, and procedures.

ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE LEADERSHIP

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Audit Liaison	Provides assistance and management support when units interact with internal and external auditors as well as for audit follow up and hotline investigations.	Brian Halfman	979.314.3475	brian.halfman@ag.tamu.edu
EthicsPoint/ Investigations	Receives and investigates allegations of fraud, waste and abuse as well as violations of A&M System policy, AgriLife rules and procedures and state and federal laws.	Stephen Lopez Brian Halfman	979.314.0650 979.314.3475	stephen.lopez@ag.tamu.edu brian.halfman@ag.tamu.edu
Enterprise Risk Management/ Ethics and Compliance Plans	Assists with completion of agency's annual enterprise risk management plan/matrix, as well as ethics and compliance plans.	Brian Halfman Stephen Lopez	979.314.3475 979.314.0650	brian.halfman@ag.tamu.edu stephen.lopez@ag.tamu.edu
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Export Control	Implements risk-based procedures to safeguard against export controls violations in the areas of sponsored research, educational activities, visitors, employment, international activities, financial transactions, contracts, shipments and technology commercialization.	Jennifer (Jenny) Green Shelby Hiatt Hannah Eldridge	979.314.3447 979.314.4133 979.314.5691	jkgreen@ag.tamu.edu shelby.hiatt@ag.tamu.edu hannah.eldridge@ag.tamu.edu
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Management Advisory and Compliance Services	Assists units with methods of improving performance and productivity through analyzing processes for efficient and effective operation and preparation for audits.	Brian Halfman Kevin Helmer Stephen Lopez	979.314.3475 979.314.3646 979.314.0650	brian.halfman@ag.tamu.edu kevin.helmer@ag.tamu.edu stephen.lopez@ag.tamu.edu
Indirect Nepotism	Assists with regulations governing the employment of relatives or close acquaintances as related to sponsored research projects.	Brittany Owens	979.314.3206	brittany.owens@ag.tamu.edu