

Ethics 10 Answers

Scenario 1. Yes. Because Martha is regulating the student's final grade and may be in a position to teach him in the future, accepting this as a personal gift is a violation. But, this one is tricky because people in different cultures often see gift giving as normal and respectful. If this happens, you may gracefully accept the gift and donate it to any charity within 30 days or you may use this as a "teaching moment" where you can explain to the student Washington's ethics law that prohibits you from accepting gifts from anyone you regulate or have discretionary authority over.

Scenario 2. Yes. Jose is considered a "Section 4" employee in relation to the agent, so he could not accept any gifts—no matter the amount.

Scenario 3. No. Vera is allowed to accept up to \$50 of gifts in one calendar year from the same source as long as she doesn't directly regulate or contract with the person or vendor.