

Standards & Discipline: “Easy Acquisitions” Written Case Study

Facilitator: Reading the Case Study twice often ensures that participants are prepared to discuss the issues.

Facilitator’s Summary: As an Army professional, a new acquisitions officer fails to continuously develop in competence to perform duties with discipline and to standards of excellence when attending planning conferences.

Notes:

- What standards that are expressed in policy did he not uphold?
 - Have the group share your organization’s policies.
- The author writes, “I know I violated regulations and made poor ethical choices, but I was taking care of Army needs...”
 - Why or why isn’t the Soldier justified in his actions?
- Discipline reflects the self-control necessary to do the hard right over the easy wrong in the face of temptation.
 - He was faced with the temptation to continue to make his work easier for himself, but for the benefit of the government. When did he correct this behavior?
- Describe the relationship between integrity and duty. How do they work together to build exceptional Army discipline? In what ways do they conflict?