## D Handling Special Cases - Other Nonrelative Conflict of Interest Cases

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When a participant and an employee spend time together outside of the office, the employee must report this to their supervisor as a possible conflict of interest.

This includes a participant who is or was one or more of the following:

- Roommate
- Neighbor
- Friend
- Business associate/co-worker
- Significant other
- Parent of a child in common
- Any participant where the employee cannot act <u>impartially</u>
- Any participant with whom the employee does not have an official business reason to interact

## **EXCEPTION**

When the employee is not well known to or familiar with the neighbor, friend, or business associate then discuss the situation with a supervisor. The supervisor will determine whether there is a conflict of interest and document the conversation and decision in the employee's file.

Employees must report cases belonging to these individuals to their supervisor as there may be a conflict of interest. (See Conflict of Interest Employee Reporting Responsibility)

Employees must NOT have any <u>case interaction(g)</u> with the case of any participant where there may be a conflict of interest. This includes, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, the following:

- Making changes to the case file(g)
- Viewing case information
- Intervening between the participant and FAA staff

## **WARNING**

All AZTECS and OnBase(g) inquiries are recorded. Actions that display on a case in which there may be a conflict of interest could be considered suspicious or potentially fraudulent activity.

Employees or contractors are not allowed to request information from co-workers regarding cases with a conflict of interest unless the employee or contractor is a <u>representative</u> on the case. (See <u>special handling of employee cases</u> for additional information and restrictions.)