
The Seven Habits of an Effective Compliance & Ethics Professional

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The Challenge

- It's a complicated world
- Skewed Incentives
- Boards & Management don't know what to do
- "We have good people"
- Effectiveness requires courage and hard work

1. Study Human Behavior

Ethics

- Perception: _____
- Reality
 - Cheating
 - Resumes
 - Stealing
 - Reporting
- Culture: the impact of authority and systems

2. Life-long Learning

- Study/work hard
- Observe successful people
- Read the newspaper
- View every challenge/mistake as a learning opportunity
- Solicit constructive feedback

3. Position Yourself for Success

- Who/What am I?
- Why am I here?
- The authority dilemma
- Leverage
- Don't take yourself too seriously
- Share credit/hoard criticism

4. Problem Solve

- Solutions or obstacles?
- Understand the problem
- Keep it simple
- Hire people _____ and
_____!

5. Align Incentives

Problem: Incentives are skewed

Solution:

- Specific, measurable objectives
- Link to compensation
- Transparency
- Culture matters

Beware of the non-solution: _____



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6. Be Courageous

- Practice difficult/courageous conversations
- Listen carefully
- Think before you speak (send)
- Attack the problem, not the person



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7. Be a Role Model

- Talk and walk the talk
- Accept responsibility
- Stay calm (particularly in a crisis)
- Admit mistakes – the two most disarming words in the English language are “ _____ ”

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Questions

