### IS "THE ETHICIST" THE ANSWER?

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#### ETHICS

The application of moral principles to everyday situations. A system to guide action based on judgement which respects the rights of others and that is separate from religious orthodoxy.

#### "The Ethicist"

A "New York Times" writer (Randy Cohen), who from 1999 to 2011 wrote a weekly column for the "Times Magazine".

 His most famous achievement however was inventing David Letterman's "Top Ten List."

To submit the same report twice in two different situations?
Does it harm anyone?
Does this gain unfair advantage?
Does this garner an unjustified reward?

Does this action violate any rules?
 This is a pragmatic or legal, not ethical consideration.



# There is no harm to others. It is your own work to use as you choose.

You may get expelled.

To move to a better seat at a Thunder game?
Does it harm anyone?
Does this gain unfair advantage?
Does this garner an unjustified reward?

Does this action violate any rules?
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There is no harm to other fans.
 It is wasteful to let the seats go unused.

The team is a local monopoly, so you have no other alternative venue to choose.

To buy an obviously (accidently) mispriced item?
Does it harm anyone?
Does this gain unfair advantage?
Does this garner an unjustified reward?

Does this action violate any rules?
 This is a pragmatic or legal, not ethical consideration.



 This is not deceptive(bait and switch) mispricing. This is an accident and the vendor should be allowed to correct the error.

To take hotel toiletries for donation to charity? • Does it harm anyone? • Does this gain unfair advantage? • Does this garner an unjustified reward? Does this action violate any rules? • This is a pragmatic or legal, not ethical consideration.

## No Toiletries are provided for use by patrons on site

 If you desire to support a charity do it with your own resources.

To refer patients to seek legal counsel?

Does it harm anyone? • Does this gain unfair advantage? • Does this garner an unjustified reward? Does this action violate any rules? • This is a pragmatic or legal, not ethical consideration.

To refer friends to seek medical care through workman's compensation

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 The belief that morality is independent of theology.

 Moral problems have not been adequately addressed by religion. New York Society for Ethical Culture Founded in 1877, by Felix Adler Their principles:

• The duty to engage in philanthropy in the advancement of morality.

Self-reform should go in step with social reform.

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 The establishment of republican rather than monarchical governments of ethical societies.

• The agreement that educating the young is the most important aim.

#### **Elbow Dislocation**

#### Every ortho presentation needs an xray!



### THANK YOU

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