Discussion Topic 2

You know that a co-worker and longtime friend has a drug problem. Do you bring this issue to management knowing that it can lead to this person's job termination? What if errors by this person can endanger lives?

Codes Invoked

- General moral imperatives
- Professional responsibilities

Resolution

I would maybe talk to my friend about it and see if that resolves it. If that doesn't work go to the

manager. If you don't want to talk to your friend about it, maybe suggest to the manager to do

"random" drug testing on your friend. If the friend can endanger someone or it hinders their working,

then definitely tell the manager and get the situation resolved.

Discussion Topic 4

Your company purchases a division which is in direct competition to your spouse's business. You currently have access to the new I.P. How should you (have) handle(d) this situation?

Codes Invoked

Moral Imperatives

- Honor Confidentiality
- Be honest and trustworthy
- Honor property rights

Professional Responsibilities

- Access computing and communication resources only when authorized to do so
- Honor contracts, agreements, and assigned responsibilities

Codes in Conflict

- Be honest and trustworthy conflicts with honor contracts, agreements, and assigned
  responsibilities
- Also, ACM Code conflicts with "Spousal Code of Conduct"

Resolution

Talk to superiors about the situation and make them aware of the conflict of interest. If I am not able to distance myself from the new intellectual property, then I would talk to my spouse and come to an agreement whereby we would not talk about the subject.

Discussion Topic 6

If you strongly suspect that a particular device or software from company Y violates the patent rights of Company X, what should your recommendation to your manager be about purchasing it for your own company even if there is significant cost savings?

Codes Invoked

Moral Imperatives

- Be honest and trustworthy
- Honor property rights
- Give proper credit for intellectual property
- Avoid harm to others

Professional Responsibilities

- Give comprehensive and thorough evaluation of computer systems
- Honor contracts, agreements, and assigned responsibilities

Conflicts

Avoid harm to others is in conflict with several of the other codes. There are three parties who may be harmed by the recommendation: company Y could be harmed (loss of potential sale), company X could be harmed (patent rights violated), and my company could be harmed (paying more than necessary for device or software).

Resolution

Instead of giving a yes or no recommendation, I would explain my concerns to my manager. If my manager insisted on a discrete answer, then I would recommend that the company not purchase the device or software from company Y.

Discussion Topic 7

You win a design contest sponsored by a supplier for your company. The award is a vacation trip for your family. How should you handle this and why? Does your answer to (2) change if the award is a collection of promotional items (mugs, t-shirts, pens, etc with logos on them)? How can you distinguish gifts from bribes?

Codes Invoked

Moral Imperatives

- Honor property rights including copyrights and patents

Professional Responsibilities

- Access computing and communication resources only when authorized to do so

Leadership Imperatives

- Authorized use

Resolution

Take the vacation and be happy. I don't think there is any problem unless it conflicts with the categories above. For example, you shouldn't violate any copyrights or patents in the contest, or access company resources that you aren't authorized to for non-work projects. Also, if there isn't anything in the terms and conditions that say anything about if you're working for a certain company, then it should be fine. Otherwise, I think that it is fine. For the second part, I don't think there is any problem with promotional items if they are awards from the contest. I don't think it can be called a bribe if it is something you win stuff from a contest like that.