Class 1 Practice

Assignment

Complete the preparation assignment and participate in the class (via the video) before beginning this assignment. This particular assignment is somewhat personal in nature, so there are many "correct" answers. A response is provided as an example, but your response may be entirely different.

Narrative

Professional ethics with financial aspects were not considered in Class 1.

Accepting money from anyone other than your employer can often raise ethical questions. In the extreme, such as accepting a bribe to act contrary to the law or your professional obligations, accepting money is clearly unethical and often illegal. Other situations may be more subtle.

Suppose that as part of your job, you are responsible for ordering a piece of equipment. You have determined a number of minimum specifications that the equipment must satisfy. You have spoken with several vendors and identified three who offer a product that meets the minimum specifications. One of those vendors is a family relative who in the past, has invited you to vacation with them and has fully paid for your vacation.

You may add assumptions to the situation described above, if you wish to do so. Then write a brief analysis of your potential courses of action, any dilemmas they present, their consequences, and the ethical course of action.