



## The Shadowlands of Conduct: Ethics and State Politics (Paperback)

By Beth A. Rosenson

Georgetown University Press, United States, 2005. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Although the linking of ethics and politics may seem more like the ingredients for a comedian s monologue, it is a sober issue and one that affects every American - especially when it comes to state politics, where the cynical might say ethics can never survive. To find examples of the latest corruption du jour, all one has to do is turn to the newspaper, or switch on the local newscast (think Illinois and New Jersey). Scandals have been ubiquitous since the beginning of the Republic, but it wasn t until 1954 that ethical self-reg ulation began to move legislatively beyond bribery statutes to address deeper issues - those which, in New York Governor Thomas Dewey s words, skulked in the shadowlands of conduct. Rosenson begins her exploration with that moment when New York became the first state to enact a general ethics law, setting standards and guidelines for behavior. Unforgiving and illuminating, she examines the many laws that have been enacted since and the reasons that many of these law came into being. It is crucial to the functioning of a democratic government to understand...



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