

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**TO:** Members, Commission on Ethics

**FROM:** Kerrie Stillman  
Executive Director 

**DATE:** July 6, 2022

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## ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued one opinion at its June meeting. It has rendered 2,692 opinions since its inception in 1974.

## LITIGATION

Case Number 1D21-3115, Patrick Loebig v. Florida Commission on Ethics - This is an appeal of CEO 21-9 regarding the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate. We filed an answer brief on March 15, 2022. The Appellant filed his Reply Brief on April 14, 2022, and requested oral argument in his appeal, which was granted by the First District Court of Appeals. Gray Schafer will be handling the oral argument, which will be held on July 12, 2022.

Case Number 5D22-322, Bill Spaude v. Florida Commission on Ethics. This is an appeal of Complaint No. 19-174. The Appellant filed his Initial Brief on June 3, 2022. The Commission's Reply Brief is due on August 17, 2022. Suhail Chhabra, Melody Hadley, and Steven Zuilkowski are handling this appeal.

Case Number 1D22-924, Daphne Campbell v. Florida Commission on Ethics. This is an appeal of Complaint No. 18-090. The Appellant's Initial Brief is due on July 7, 2022. Steven Zuilkowski is handling the appeal.

## FINANCES

As of May 31, we've spent \$2,202,315.67 (84.65%) of our appropriation, with 91.67% of FY gone.

## STAFF

Investigator John Cizmadia joined our staff on June 24 and attorney Kathy Heyward on June 27. John is a retired investigator from the Office of the State Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Kathy most-recently served as an attorney with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

Senior Investigator Bob Malone will be retiring from the Commission on August 31, after 35 years with our office. To say that we will miss his presence in the office, both personally and professionally, would be an understatement. Respondents and Complainants alike were well-served by his investigations. Whether it was conducting investigations, reviewing reports, or playing on the Commission's softball team, Bob's tireless work ethic and his unflappable demeanor served as an example to all of us. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

## COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Leznoff, who was near the end of her term and not eligible for reappointment, resigned from the Commission on June 16. Commissioner Anchors was reappointed to the Commission on June 30 by President Simpson. The Commission currently has two vacancies, one to be filled by the Governor and one by the Speaker of the House.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / PUBLICATIONS / HONORS

Gray will be speaking for an hour on financial disclosure at the 2022 Conference of County Court Judges of Florida on Thursday, July 14 in Bonita Springs.

## PENDING ORDERS IMPOSING PENALTIES

### GOVERNOR

- Complaint No. 15-178, In re Michael S. Murphy (Final Order 08/03/16)
- Complaint No. 17-108, In re Joel Davis (Final Order 06/13/18)
- Complaint No. 17-088, In re Cheryl Thomas-Hughes (Final Order 12/12/18)
- Complaint No. 16-062, In re Dennis McDonald (Final Order 10/30/19)
- Complaint No. 18-211, In re Thomas L. Clyce (Final Order 02/10/21)
- Complaint No. 19-154, In re Doug Belden (Final Order 03/10/21)
- Complaint No. 18-168, In re Dustin Daniels (Final Order 04/21/21)
- Complaint No. 18-047, In re Brian Burkeen (Final Order 04/21/21)
- Complaint No. 19-158, In re Thomas R. Hardee [Referral] (Final Order 04/21/21)
- Complaint No. 20-124, In re Francis David Bourrie (Final Order 06/09/21)
- Complaint No. 19-192, In re Marilyn D. Sconions (07/28/21)
- Complaint No. 20-054, In re Milissa Holland (Final Order 09/15/21)
- Complaint No. 16-130, In re Frantz Pierre (Final Order 09/15/21)
- Complaint No. 20-125, In re Muhammad Amin (Final Order 10-27-21)
- Complaint No. 20-225, In re Alexis P. Rodriguez (Final Order 10-27-21)
- Complaint No. 21-077, In re Reginald Sessions (Final Order 10-27-21)
- Complaint No. 20-170, In re Betsy Vanderley (Final Order 12-8-21)
- Complaint No. 19-174, In re William "Bil" Spaude (Final Order 1-26-22)
- Complaint No. 18-141, In re Andreana Jackson (Final Order 1-26-22)
- Complaint No. 18-020, In re Joseph Kilsheimer (Final Order 1-26-22)
- Complaint No. 20-144, In re Gabriel Garcia (Final Order 3-9-22)
- Complaint No. 21-093, In re Dale V.C. Holness (3-9-22)
- Complaint No. 21-162, In re Cynthia Stuart (3-9-22)
- Complaint No. 21-113, In re Dennis Ward (4-27-22)
- Complaint No. 20-186, In re R.C. "Rick" Lussy (Final Order 6/8/2022)

### HOUSE

- Complaint No. 18-026, In re Kim Daniels (Final Order 01/30/19)
- Complaint No. 20-206, In re Jackie Toledo (Final Order 10-27-21)
- Complaint No. 20-211, In re Tracie Davis (Final Order 10-27-21)
- Complaint No. 21-159, In re Tracie Davis (Final Order 6/8/2022)

**PENDING ACTION ON STATUTORILY-GENERATED LOBBYING FIRM AUDIT  
MATTERS (GOVERNOR AND CABINET)**

- Complaint No. 16-017, In re Dean Mead (Probable Cause 01/27/17)
- Complaint No. 16-018, In re Buigas and Associates (Probable Cause 01/27/17)
- Complaint No. 16-019, In re DDarling Consulting (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
- Complaint No. 16-174, In re Kathy Till and Associates, Inc., (Probable Cause 08/02/17)
- Complaint No. 16-170, In re Capitol Group, Inc., (Probable Cause 10/25/17)
- Complaint No. 16-173, In re Johnson Strategies, LLC (Probable Cause 12/13/17)
- Complaint No. 16-175, In re Sayfie Law Firm (Probable Cause 10/25/17)
- Complaint No. 17-132, In re Andrew J. Liles (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
- Complaint No. 17-134, In re Lester Abberger (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
- Complaint No. 17-135, In re Pruitt and Associates (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
- Complaint No. 17-136, In re Wilson and Associates, LLC (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
- Complaint No. 17-137, In re TC Wolfe (Probable Cause 08/01/18)
- Complaint No. 19-031, In re Impact GR (Probable Cause 09/18/19)
- Complaint No. 20-055, In re All Florida Solutions, Inc. (Probable Cause 03/10/21)
- Complaint No. 20-056, In re Carr Allison (Probable Cause 03/10/21)
- Complaint No. 20-058, In re Pyle and Associates (Probable Cause 03/10/21)
- Complaint No. 21-127, In re Diana Hadi Padgett (Probable Cause 12/3/21)
- Complaint No. 21-128, CJT Strategies, LLC (Probable Cause 12/3/21)