

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**TO: Members
Commission on Ethics**

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Executive Director**

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ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued three advisory opinions in June. It has rendered a total of 2613 opinions since its inception in 1974.

LITIGATION

Stephan Carter v. Commission on Ethics, 5D17-1411

This is an appeal to the 5th DCA of the Commission's Final Order rendered March 15, 2017, and finding that Mr. Carter violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes. The initial brief was due June 23, but by agreement of the parties, the time has been extended to July 14.

Buff Miller is handling this appeal.

Robert K. Robinson v. Commission on Ethics, 1D17-2187

This is an appeal of the Commission's Final Order rendered April 26, 2017, and finding that Mr. Robinson violated Sections 112.313(6) and (16)(c), Florida Statutes.

Caroline Klancke is handling this appeal.

Milton West v. Florida Commission on Ethics, 5D17-2076

This is an appeal of the Commission's Final Order rendered June 14, 2017 and finding that Mr. West violated Section 112.313(7), Florida Statutes.

Caroline Klancke is handling this appeal.

FINANCES

Final numbers are not yet available, but we estimate that as of the end of the fiscal year on June 30, the Commission had spent \$2,291,466, or 92% of its continuation budget.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / PUBLICATIONS / HONORS

Chris presented two hours of ethics training on June 14 at a gathering, sponsored by the City of Haines City, of public officers and employees from several cities and other jurisdictions in central Florida. Gray spoke to the Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Trustees' School on June 2, and delivered a webinar to the Florida School Board Association on July 7. On June 12 I presented a 2.5-hour training in Jacksonville for local appointed and elected officials

(former Chairs Carlucci and Weston stopped by!), and on June 27 I gave a two-hour training at the Florida Association of Counties conference in West Palm Beach.

PENDING ORDERS IMPOSING PENALTIES

GOVERNOR

- Comp. No. 15-178, In re Michael S. Murphy (Final Order 08/03/16).
- Comp. No. 15-088, In re Stephan Carter (Final Order 03/15/17) (pending appeal).
- Comp. No. 14-167, In re Robert K. Robinson (Final Order 04/26/17) (pending appeal).
- Comp. No. 16-032, In re Milton West (Final Order 06/14/17) (pending appeal).
- Comp. No. 16-196, In re Jeffrey "Doc" Solomon (Final Order 06/14/17).

SENATE

- Comp. Nos. 10-164, 168, 169, and 172, cons., In re Jim Norman (Final Order 04/04/12).

HOUSE

- Comp. No. 11-045, In re Adam Hasner (Final Order 07/14/11).
- Comp. Nos. 10-157 and 10-182, cons., In re David Rivera (Final Order 04/17/15).

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

- Comp. No. 16-017, In re Dean Mead (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
- Comp. No. 16-018, In re Buigas and Associates (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
- Comp. No. 16-019, In re DDarling Consulting (Probable Cause 01/27/17).