

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TO: Members, Commission on Ethics

FROM: Chris Anderson 
Executive Director

DATE: January 6, 2021

ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued two advisory opinions in December. It has rendered 2,680 opinions since its inception in 1974.

LITIGATION IN COURTS

Nothing to report at this time.

FINANCES

As of November 30, we've spent \$990,794.81 (38.93%) of our appropriation, with 41.67% of the FY gone.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / PUBLICATIONS / HONORS

Caroline recorded a two-hour lecture for the Florida Association of Counties' Institute for County Government, on December 9. At some point in January, Gray will be conducting a 40-minute pre-recorded webinar for The Florida Bar, related to ethics and education law specialization. Also, attached is a letter regarding a recent presentation by Gray at the New Clerks' Academy for the Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers Association. I am scheduled to present virtually to Judges of Compensation Claims on January 8.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS, 2020 SESSION

HB 7009, which provides penalties for violation of CRC Amendment 12's prohibition on abuse of public position, went into effect on December 31.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS, 2021 SESSION

This item will be discussed at the January 22 Commission meeting.

PENDING ORDERS IMPOSING PENALTIES

GOVERNOR

Comp. No. 15-178, In re Michael S. Murphy (Final Order 08/03/16).

Comp. No. 17-108, In re Joel Davis (Final Order 06/13/18).
Comp. No. 17-088, In re Cheryl Thomas-Hughes (Final Order 12/12/18).
Comp. No. 17-013, In re Nancy Oakley (Final Order 01/30/19).
Comp. No. 17-178, In re Charles C. Pesano (Final Order 07/31/19).
Comp. Nos. 18-106 and 18-117, In re William Kruse (Final Order 07/31/19).
Comp. Nos. 18-107 and 18-118, In re Barbara H. Brooke (Final Order 07/31/19).
Comp. Nos. 18-111 and 18-122, In re Jared B. Reddick (Final Order 07/31/19).
Referral No. 15-002R, In re Matt Shirk (Final Order 09/18/19).
Complaint No. 17-064, In re Catherine Drew (Final Order 09/18/19).
Complaint No. 18-128, In re Adam Pollack (Final Order 09/18/19).
Complaint No. 18-134, In re Robert M. Lange (Final Order 09/18/19).
Complaint No. 18-170, In re Bruce Greenlee (Final Order 09/18/19).
Complaint No. 16-062, In re Dennis McDonald (Final Order 10/30/19).
Complaint Nos. 17-113, 17-127, 18-034, 18-076, and 18-080 (cons.), In re Wanda Range (Final Order 01/29/20), on appeal to First DCA.
Complaint No. 17-159, In re Anthony Sanders (Final Order 03/11/20).
Complaint No. 18-208, In re Sandra L. Bradbury (Final Order 03/11/20).
Complaint No. 18-160, In re Theodore R. Schindler, II (Final Order 06/10/20).
Complaint No. 18-164, In re Dana Johnson (Final Order 06/10/20).
Complaint No. 19-091, In re Ryan Boylston (Final Order 06/10/20).
Complaint No. 19-164, In re Peter Antonacci (Final Order 06/10/20).
Complaint No. 19-062, In re Brenda D. Forman (Final Order 07/29/20).
Complaint No. 18-131, In re Stockton Reeves (Final Order 07/29/20).
Complaint No. 19-216, In re Julia Botel (Final Order 12/09/20).

HOUSE

Comp. No. 18-026, In re Kim Daniels (Final Order 01/30/19).

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).
Comp. No. 16-174, In re Kathy Till and Associates, Inc., (Probable Cause 08/02/17).
Comp. No. 16-170, In re Capitol Group, Inc., (Probable Cause 10/25/17).
Comp. No. 16-173, In re Johnson Strategies, LLC (Probable Cause 12/13/17).
Comp. No. 16-175, In re Sayfie Law Firm (Probable Cause 10/25/17).
Comp. No. 17-132, In re Andrew J. Liles (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
Comp. No. 17-134, In re Lester Abberger (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
Comp. No. 17-135, In re Pruitt and Associates (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
Comp. No. 17-136, In re Wilson and Associates, LLC (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
Comp. No. 17-137, In re TC Wolfe (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
Comp. No. 19-031, In re Impact GR (Probable Cause 09/18/19).



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December 15, 2020

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RE: Presentation at December 2020 New Clerk Academy

Dear Mr. Schafer:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you for serving in the December 2020 New Clerk Academy as a presenter. I realize that your schedule is very full; that you sacrificed both personally and professionally, and it is recognized how fortunate this class is to sit under the instruction of someone like you with impressive professional experience and a deep well of knowledge. No words can express my appreciation for your willingness to participate in the inaugural academy and orientation for the class of 2020.

Again, thank you for your dedication to our newest Clerks. I trust you are proud knowing your contribution will aid in their transition to office as well as their pursuit to become a Certified Clerk of Court!

Sincerest regards,

Angela Vick
Citrus County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

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