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COMMISSION ON ETHICS

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **COLLEEN REILLY**,)
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Respondent.) Complaint No. 15-085
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ORDER FINDING PROBABLE CAUSE

Based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds that there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent, as Interim Orange County Clerk of Courts, violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by obtaining substantial funds from Orange County, which she claimed as a severance package, while still employed as Interim Orange County Clerk of Courts. Therefore, the Commission orders a public hearing as to whether the Respondent violated 112.313(6), Florida Statutes.

However, based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds there is no probable cause to believe that the Respondent violated Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by obtaining substantial funds from Orange County, which she claimed as a severance package, while still employed as Interim Orange County Clerk of Courts, as alleged in this complaint. Therefore, this allegation will not be at issue in any hearing held in this matter.

A formal notice of hearing of the matter on which probable cause has been found will be prepared and sent to the Respondent and to the Advocate. Under Commission Rule 34-5.020, F.A.C., the Commission may resolve a complaint proceeding through a stipulation, settlement or consent order entered into by the Respondent and the Commission's Advocate and approved by the Commission. If the Respondent wishes to pursue a settlement of this case, she should contact the Commission's Advocate at (850) 414-3300 to discuss the terms of a possible settlement.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in executive session on October 23, 2015.

October 28, 2015
Date Rendered

Stanley M. Weston
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

cc: Ms. Amy S. Tingley, Attorney for Respondent
Ms. Elizabeth A. Miller, Commission Advocate
Mr. Jeffrey Ashton, Complainant

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