#### BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re ANTONY ZOGHBI,	)	Financial Disclosi	ure Appeal No.	FD 19-087
Appellant.	) ) )	Final Order No.	DRA	1570
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#### FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, on its own motion, meeting in public session on March 10, 2023, in the matter of Antony Zoghbi (Appellant), pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, which assesses an automatic fine of \$25 per day on a person who fails to timely file a required CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. The Commission may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown, based on "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file by the designated date. There are no matters in dispute. The Appellant did not request a hearing before the Commission.

#### Findings of Fact

- 1. According to information provided to the Commission, the Appellant was a Systems Project Analyst for the Office of Governor, a position requiring the filing of a CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year 2018. In 2019, the designated due date for submitting a 2018 CE Form 1 annual filing was July 1, 2019, with a grace period ending on September 3, 2019.
- 2. On May 15, 2019, the Commission on Ethics sent Appellant a 2018 CE Form 1. It was sent to the Appellant at 2009 Balmoral Ct., Tallahassee, FL 32311. It is unknown if the Appellant received this mailing.

- 3. On July 24, 2019, the Commission on Ethics sent Appellant a Notice of Delinquency by certified mail. The notice was sent to the Appellant at the 2009 Balmoral Ct. address. It was returned back to the Commission on August 21, 2019 by USPS as "unclaimed."
- 4. On August 20, 2019, the Commission mailed Appellant a postcard intended to remind him of his obligation to file a 2018 CE Form 1. The Commission mailed the postcard to the 2009 Balmoral Ct. address. It is unknown if the Appellant received this mailing.
- 5. On September 6, 2019, the Commission sent Appellant a courtesy notice indicating that fines were beginning to accrue as the 2018 CE Form 1 had not been received. The notice was sent to the 2009 Balmoral Ct. address. It is unknown if the Appellant received this mailing.
- 6. On February 10, 2020, the Commission sent a Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine to the 2009 Balmoral Ct. address by certified mail. This mailing indicated the total of the Appellant's accrued automatic fine and included a notice of the right to appeal the fine, stating that the appeal had to be received by the Commission by March 11, 2020. This mailing was returned to the Commission on March 4, 2020 by the USPS as "unclaimed."
- 7. On June 11, 2021, the Commission sent a Final Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine to the 2009 Balmoral Ct. address by certified mail. It is unknown if the Appellant received this mailing.
- 8. On September 15, 2021, the Commission sent a Collection Order Notice and a Default Final Order to the 2009 Balmoral Ct. address by certified mail. It is unknown if the Appellant received this mailing.
- 9. On February 4, 2022, the Commission sent a Warning to Withhold Salary to the 2009 Balmoral Ct. address by certified mail. It is unknown if the Appellant received this mailing.

- 10. On February 21, 2022, the Commission received the Appellant's appeal of the automatic fine. Appellant signed the appeal on January 25, 2022. On the appeal form, Appellant listed his address as 1355 March Road, Tallahassee, FL 32311, and his employment as an IT Business Consultant with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
  - 11. The total amount of the automatic fine levied against the Appellant was \$1,500.
- 12. In part B of the appeal form, the Appellant checked "Lack of notification Failure to receive notice" as the reason for his appeal. In part C of the appeal form, where the Appellant is asked to provide a detailed explanation of his appeal, he did not include additional information.

#### Conclusions of Law

- 13. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.
- 14. Financial disclosure is required of public officials and employees because it enables the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government. In order to increase compliance, beginning in 2001 the Legislature provided for an automatic fine of \$25 per day, up to a cap of \$1,500, on persons who do not timely file their financial disclosure statements. Under the law, the Legislature permitted the Commission to waive a fine only "based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date . . . ."

#### 15. Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes, states:

Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the person designated to

review the timeliness of reports in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "unusual circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an e-mail account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or

her e-mail address.

16. Although notice of the Appellant's 30-day right to appeal the automatic fine was

sent to the Appellant on February 10, 2020, the Appellant denies having received it and there is

no evidence that he did receive it. In fact, the mailing was returned to the Commission as

"unclaimed." The mailings were sent to his former workplace and not to any address where he

normally received mail. Similarly, there is no evidence that the Appellant received the other

mailings sent by the Commission on Ethics. Because he did not receive the notice of the appeal,

his appeal is accepted as timely.

17. Appellant's basis for the appeal of his fine is that he was unable to timely file his

2018 CE Form 1 because he did not have notice of his filing requirement. The Appellant denies

receiving the related mailings and there is no evidence to dispute the Appellant's claims. We

find this to constitute "unusual circumstances" that justify waiving the \$1,500 fine.

<u>ORDER</u>

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby waives the

assessed fine of \$1,500.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on

Friday, March 10, 2023.

Date Rendered

Glenton "Glen" Gilzean, Jr.

Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

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THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER SECTION 120.68, AND SECTION FLORIDA STATUTES, BYFILING A **NOTICE** ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110 FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, AT EITHER 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303 OR P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709; AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ATTACHED TO WHICH IS A CONFORMED COPY OF THE ORDER DESIGNATED IN THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

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Copy furnished to:

Mr. Antony Zoghbi 1355 March Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32311.



# STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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#### **APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2018**

**DIRECTIONS:** The information you provide in this form is critical for processing your appeal in a timely manner.

In Part A, please provide current contact information. If your contact information changes while your appeal is being processed, please notify us.

In Part B, please check any boxes that specify the general reason(s) for your appeal.

In Part C, please explain in detail the reason(s) for your appeal. In addition to your written explanation in Part C, you may attach any documents that support your appeal.

IMPORTANT: TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL, THIS FORM OR OTHER WRITTEN APPEAL (AND ANY ATTACHMENTS) MUST BE FILED WITH (RECEIVED BY) THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE WAS MAILED TO YOU.

### PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mailing Address: Commission on Ethics P.O. Drawer 15709

Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

Physical Address: Commission on Ethics

325 John Knox Road Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303

Fax:

(850) 488-3077

Email:

disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

PART A: YOUR INFORMATION
Name:Antony Zoghbi
Address:1355 March Rd City:Tallahassee State: _FL Zip: _32311
Daytime Tel.: Cell:8503393762
Email:antony.zoghbi@gmail.com Filer ID# (if known):
Public Employer:Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
Public Position:IT Business Consultant

#### CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

### PART B: GENERAL REASON(S) FOR YOUR APPEAL Please choose any/all reasons that apply to your appeal. I hereby appeal the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine on the following basis: Sickness or injury (Explain in Part C and attach a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of illness or injury) [X] Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice (Explain in Part C and provide documentation b. that supports your assertion that you never received certified mail delinquency notice; for example, incorrect address; misdelivered mail; change in employment; extended absence from home, etc.) Claim of timely filing of financial disclosure (Explain in Part C and provide copy of certified mail receipt and/or copy of completed form which had been previously filed, along with a sworn notarized statement that you filed prior to the deadline) d. Left public position prior to December 31, 2018 (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2018) Other unusual circumstance (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing prior to deadline) Not required to file (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports reason for not required to file) PART C: DETAILED EXPLANATION OF YOUR APPEAL Please provide a detailed explanation of your appeal, including why each option you selected in Part B is applicable to you. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages. OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING In addition to this written appeal, I specifically request to appear before the Commission in a hearing pursuant to Section 112.3144(8)(f)3 or Section 112.3145(8)(g)3, Florida Statutes. Commission meetings occur in Tallahassee. **SIGNATURE**

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Monday, February 21, 2022 5:30 PM

To:

'Zoghbi, AJ'

Subject:

RE: 2018 financial disclosure appeal

**Attachments:** 

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Hello, Mr. Zoghbi.

This will acknowledge receipt of your appeal received in our office on February 18, 2022.

Additionally, attached is a 2018 Form 1 for your completion. Upon completion, form can be emailed as a pdf document to <a href="mailto:disclosure@leg.state.fl.us">disclosure@leg.state.fl.us</a> to my attention.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

#### Sincerely,

### Kimberly R. Holmes

Program Administrator
Financial Disclosure Section
Florida Commission on Ethics
P.O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709
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#### AJ Zoghbi

Security Engineer Office of Technology and Information Services O:850-245-8235

#### Holmes, Kim

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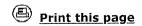


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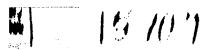
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#### **COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

In re

Antony Jospeh Zoghbi

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Office Of Governor

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The Commission on Ethics hereby gives notice of an assessment of a fine against you pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2018 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2018 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2019. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 3, 2019. After that date, you accrued fines of \$25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, up to the maximum fine of \$1,500.00 (60 days late), pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE

Inasmuch as your 2018 CE Form 1 has not been filed with the Commission on Ethics within the 60 days of the grace period date (September 3, 2019), you have accrued the maximum fine amount of \$1,500.00. This fine must be paid to the Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date of this notice unless you appeal the fine to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to consider the appeal and waive the fine in whole or in part if your failure to file on time was due to "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file. Unless the fine is successfully appealed, the Commission is required to investigate public officers and employees who receive the maximum \$1,500 fine, to determine whether their failure to file was willful. The penalty for willfully failing to file disclosure is removal from public office or employment.

#### **HOW TO APPEAL**

- 1. Read these instructions carefully before submitting your appeal.
- 2. **LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Appeals are governed by Section 112.3145(8)(g)3, Florida Statutes, and Commission Rule 34-8.215, Florida Administrative Code.
- 3. **FORMAT:** Your appeal must be in writing and mailed to <u>Florida Commission on Ethics</u>, P. O. <u>Drawer 15709</u>, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, or delivered to <u>Florida Commission on Ethics</u>, 325 John Knox Road, <u>Building E, Suite 200</u>, <u>Tallahassee</u>, FL 32303. The appeal may take the form of a letter or you may use the appeal form included in this mailing. The appeal form also is available at the Commission's website: <u>www.ethics.state.fl.us</u>. Click on "Financial Disclosure" and then the link to the sample appeal form.
- 4. **DUE DATE:** Your appeal must be <u>received</u> by the Commission on Ethics on or before <u>March 11, 2020.</u> NOTE: Failure to timely file an appeal will constitute a waiver of your right to appeal and will result in the entry of a default order against you.
- 5. UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES: An appeal must demonstrate that you submitted your CE Form 1 after the extended due date because of "unusual circumstances." "Unusual circumstances" is defined in Commission Rule 34-8.215(4), Florida Administrative Code, as "uncommon, rare, or sudden events over which the reporting individual had no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements." Therefore, circumstances that allowed for time to take steps necessary to file on time do not constitute "unusual circumstances" that will allow the Commission to waive the fine. You have the burden to establish "unusual circumstances." Your appeal must specifically state the circumstances that led to your not filing by September 3, 2019, and must include any documentation or evidence supporting your appeal, such as:
  - a. **SICKNESS/INJURY:** a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of the illness or injury;
  - b. LACK OF NOTICE (WRONG ADDRESS): documentation that you did not reside at the address to which notice was sent;

- c. LACK OF NOTICE (ABSENCE FROM HOME): documentation establishing the period of time of your absence covering the notification period;
- d. CLAIM OF TIMELY FILING OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: (1) an affidavit from you attesting under oath or affirmation that you filed your financial disclosure and your recollection of when and how you filed and (2) a copy of a certified mail receipt and/or a copy of the completed form which was filed. If you have witnesses to your filing, we also will need an affidavit from each witness. NOTE: A claim of having filed the CE Form 1F for the current year does not satisfy the CE Form 1 filing requirement or excuse a late filing;
- e. LEFT PUBLIC POSITION BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2018: confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2018; or
- f. UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL: if deliquency notice was addressed correctly but not received, you must explain why.
- 6. YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING: You have the right to have your appeal heard by the Commission and to appear before the Commission at the hearing, but, to exercise this right, you must specifically request a hearing in your appeal. If you do not request a hearing, you will waive your right to a hearing, the Commission will determine the outcome of your appeal based upon the written record (including the documentation you provide and any documentation in your case file), and you will receive no further notice until after the Commission decides your appeal.

#### FAILURE TO PAY FINE OR FILE APPEAL WITHIN 30 DAYS

If you do not timely file an appeal or pay the assessed fine within 30 days of this Notice, a default order will be entered against you and the Commission will take the steps provided by law to collect the fine, including:

- Referral to the CFO of the Department of Financial Services, if you are a salaried state officer or employee, for withholding of a portion of you salary until the fine is satisfied; or
- Referral to your agency's governing body for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied:
- Referral to a collection agency, which can seek garnishment of your wages; and/or
- An additional civil penalty, not limited by this automatic fine, may be imposed if your disclosure statement is filed more than 60 days late and a complaint is filed against you pursuant to Section 112.324, Florida Statutes.

Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

Antony Jospeh Zoghbi 2009 Balmoral Ct Tallahassee, FL 32311 -9401

by Certified Mail on this Monday, February 10, 2020.

KIMBERLY R. HOLMES Program Administrator

-or-

Florida Commission on Ethics P. O. Drawer 15709 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709 Florida Commission on Ethics 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Ste. 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303

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### FORM 1

### **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS**

2018

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Antony Jospeh Zoghbi Systems Project Analyst Office Of Governor **Employees** 2009 Balmoral Ct Tallahassee FL 32311 -9401

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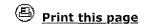
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## FINAL NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE FORM 1, STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

TO:

Antony Jospeh Zoghbi 263995

Office Of Governor

**Employees** 

FROM:

Kimberly R. Holmes, Program Administrator

DATE:

June 11, 2021

On February 10, 2020, we notified you that your Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year 2018 was not filed and that you therefore have been assessed the maximum fine, for a total fine of \$1500. At that time, you were advised that you had 30 days from the date that letter was transmitted in which to either pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Commission on Ethics.

It has been more than 30 days since we sent you that letter, and you have neither paid the fine nor filed an appeal. By not responding, you have waived your right to appeal the assessed fine.

If you do not pay the assessed fine by July 12, 2021 (30 days from the date of this letter) or contact our office to make arrangements for payment of the fine, the Commission on Ethics will enter an order setting your fine at \$1500 and will utilize all methods allowed by law to collect this fine including referral to a collection agency which can seek to garnish your wages.

#### **Certificate of Mailing:**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Final Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

Antony Jospeh Zoghbi **263995** 2009 Balmoral Ct Tallahassee FL 32311 -9401

By United States Mail on this Friday, June 11, 2021.

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### NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE OF DEFAULT FINAL ORDER

TO:

Antony Jospeh Zoghbi 263995

Systems Project Analyst Office Of Governor

**Employees** 

FROM:

Kimberly R. Holmes, Program Administrator

DATE:

September 15, 2021

Enclosed is an Order issued by the Commission on Ethics at its meeting on September 10, 2021.

If you do not pay the assessed fine by October 18, 2021 (30 days from the date of this letter) or contact our office to make arrangements to pay the fine in installments, the Commission will refer your fine to the Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) and their contract collection agency—Transworld Systems Inc.—will undertake collecting the fine.

This referral will increase the amount you owe by adding a service fee of 13% of the fine to the balance due, and may affect your credit rating.

If you pay your fine now, you can do so online by credit card. See the enclosed flyer or call us for more information. Once your fine has been submitted to Collections you will no longer be able to take advantage of our online payment system.

Failure to pay, or make arrangements to pay, the fine by the above date will also result in a copy of the enclosed Order being provided to your agency head, appointing authority, and presiding officer, as well as to the Florida Bar, if you are an attorney.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Enclosures

#### BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re	Antony Jospeh Zoghbi,	)	2018 CE Form 1
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#### **DEFAULT FINAL ORDER**

This matter comes before the Commission on Ethics for the failure of Antony Jospeh Zoghbi to pay the assessed fine. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, the Florida Commission on Ethics is charged with assessing automatic fines of \$25 per day up to a maximum of \$1500 for persons who are required to file financial disclosure but who either file late, or not at all.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Antony Jospeh Zoghbi, Governor, Office Of, Employees, was on the list of persons required to file a Statement of Financial Interests for the year 2018.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, Antony Jospeh Zoghbi was mailed a copy of the 2018 CE Form 1 no later than June 1, 2019, and was mailed a delinquency notice by certified mail no later than July 31, 2019. Additional attempts to contact Antony Jospeh Zoghbi were also made by Commission staff.
- 3. However, Antony Jospeh Zoghbi did not file a 2018 CE Form 1 by the designated due date. Antony Jospeh Zoghbi was sent a notice of payment due advising of the statutory rights to appeal or dispute the automatic fine in a hearing before the Commission if such appeal was received within 30 days of the notice of payment due. No timely appeal was received from Antony Jospeh Zoghbi.

- 4. More than 60 days have elapsed since the notice of payment due was transmitted without Antony Jospeh Zoghbi paying the fine.
- 5. On its own motion, the Commission voted to affirm that a fine in the amount of \$1500 has accrued in this matter.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 6. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this case, pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.
- 7. Antony Jospeh Zoghbi's failure to timely appeal the assessed fine constitutes a waiver of the entitlement to an appeal, pursuant to Rule 34-8.215(2), Florida Administrative Code.

#### ORDER

- 8. Pursuant to Section 112.3145(8) and 112.31455, Florida Statutes, the Commission on Ethics shall attempt to determine whether Antony Jospeh Zoghbi is currently a public officer or public employee receiving salary or wages from a governmental entity. If so, the matter will be referred to either the Chief Financial Officer for the State of Florida or the governing body for Governor, Office Of, as appropriate, for withholding of salary until the debt is satisfied.
- 9. If Antony Jospeh Zoghbi is no longer a public officer or employee, or if the Commission cannot determine filer's status, the matter will be referred to the Florida Department of Financial Services for collection or wage garnishment.

WHEREFORE, the automatic fine that Antony Jospeh Zoghbi accrued in the amount of \$1500 is affirmed. The fine shall be paid to the Florida Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date this Default Final Order is entered. After that date, nonpayment will result in collection as provided for in Section 112.3145(8) and 112.31455, Florida Statutes.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on September 10, 2021.

September 15, 2021

CHAIN

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER SECTIONS 112.3241 AND 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY FILING A NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110, FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, BY U.S. MAIL AT P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709 (OR BY DELIVERY TO 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303); AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

Copy Furnished to:

Antony Jospeh Zoghbi 2009 Balmoral Ct Tallahassee FL 32311 -9401

JG/kh

cc: Dawn Hanson

#### Heyward, Katharine

From:

Heyward, Katharine

Sent:

Friday, September 16, 2022 11:49 AM

To:

'antony.zoghbi@gmail.com'

Subject:

Financial Disclosure Appeal

Mr. Zoghbi,

I am following up on your financial disclosure appeal that you filed with the Commission on February 18, 2022. You indicated in Part B that your reason for the appeal was that there was a lack of notification/failure to receive notice. However, Part C requires you to explain in detail why you contend you never received notice of delinquency by certified mail from the Commission and to provide any documentation you have that supports your assertion. This requirement is explained in more detail in Part B, subsection b., and Part C on the appeal form. Please provide this information so that we receive it by Friday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can send this information by email if you like. My email address is heyward.katharine@leg.state.fl.us.

Thank you very much.

#### Katharine B. Heyward

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A Filer - Fines and Appeals - PID 263995 - Antony Jospeh Zoghbi

Filer Information

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#### Filer Flags

2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 <u>2015</u> <u>2016</u> <u>2017</u> <u>2018(\$)</u> <u>2019</u> 2020 2021

<< 2021 Form Year

#### Status

Filing: INACTIVE Fine: No Fine

#### Flags

**Public Address** Filing Extensions Indefinite: None Temporary: None

Eligible for Fines

Update Flags

The filer has fines for: 2019 (Appeal)

2019 Fines and Appeals

Form Year 2018 Filed Forms

No Forms Received for this Filer for Form Year 2018.

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\$1,500.00	Appeal	2/4/2020	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.0	00		

Fine Address 2009 Balmoral Ct Tallahassee FL 32311-9401

Org/Suborg Governor, Office Of-Employees

Description	Amount	Method	Payment ID	Comments
ine Levied	+ \$1,500.00			Fined \$1500.00
		rine Levied + \$1,500.00		

Current Balance: \$1,500.00

2019 Fine Year Event Chronology

Invalidate Transaction

□ Date

Type

Description

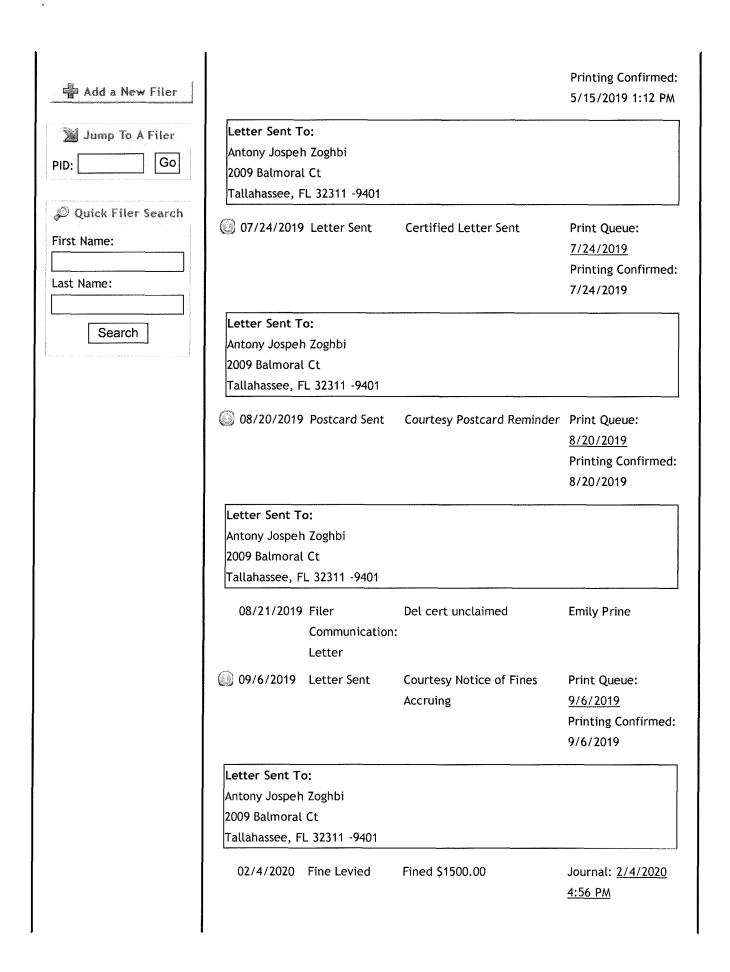
Reference

05/15/2019 Letter Sent

Form 1 Official List - Form 1 Print Queue:

Official Filers List

5/15/2019 1:12 PM



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<b>02/10/2020</b>	Letter Sent	Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter	Print Queue:  2/10/2020  Printing Confirmed: 2/10/2020
Letter Sent To Antony Jospeh 2009 Balmoral Tallahassee, Fl	Zoghbi Ct		
03/4/2020		Certified notice of assessed fine letter returned by USPS as "unclaimed."	Kimberly Holmes
06/11/2021	Final Notice of Assessed Fine	2nd Fine Notice	Journal: <u>6/11/2021</u> <u>9:38 AM</u>
06/11/2021	Letter Sent	Final Notice of Assessed Fine - Second Fine Notice	Print Queue: 6/11/2021 Printing Confirmed 6/11/2021
Letter Sent To Antony Jospeh 2009 Balmoral Tallahassee, FI	Zoghbi Ct		
08/24/2021	Collection Orders	Collection Order Notice	Journal: <u>8/24/2021</u> <u>10:34 AM</u>
<u>09/15/2021</u>	Letter Sent	Collection Orders - Prepare Collection Orders	Print Queue:  9/15/2021  Printing Confirmed: 9/15/2021
Letter Sent To Antony Jospeh 2009 Balmoral Tallahassee, Fi	Zoghbi Ct		
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February 18, 2022.

Additionally, attached is a 2018 Form 1 for your completion. Upon completion, form can be emailed as a pdf document to <a href="mailto:disclosure@leg.state.fl.us">disclosure@leg.state.fl.us</a> to my attention.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Holmes

Program Administrator

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04/1/2022 Filer

Communication: From: Holmes, Kim

Kimberly Holmes

Email

Sent: Friday, April 01, 2022

3:11 PM

To:

'antony.zoghbi@gmail.com' <antony.zoghbi@gmail.com> Subject: FW: 2018 financial

disclosure appeal

Good afternoon, Mr. Zoghbi.

Please see email below. We are still awaiting receipt of your 2018 Form 1.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Holmes

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2019 Fine		Update	Appeal	Withdraw Appea
Appeal – FD 19-		Assign Atto		Request More Info
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Appeal Receipt				
Date: 02/18/2022				
Timely Filed: No	3			
Print Appeal				
Letter: Yes				
Hearing				
Requested: No				
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Assigned:				
Final Order				
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