

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TO: Members, Commission on Ethics

FROM: Kerrie Stillman
Executive Director

DATE: February 20, 2025

ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued one opinion at its December meeting. No meeting was held in January. It has rendered 2,709 opinions since its inception in 1974.

LITIGATION

Case Number 2024 CA 000283, Town of Briny Breezes, Florida et al. v. Lukis et al. (Fla. 2nd Circ. Ct., Leon County). (Jamie A. Cole, Edward G. Guedes, Counsel for Plaintiffs; Kimberly Romano Kopp, Co-Counsel for City of Destin). Plaintiffs are multiple municipalities and elected municipal officers. They are challenging the validity of the requirement in Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, that municipal elected officials and mayors (and candidates for such offices) must file a CE Form 6 financial disclosure. In essence, Plaintiffs' argument is that requiring municipal elected officials and municipal candidates to publicly disclose the information required on the CE Form 6 violates their right to privacy under Article II, Section 23 of the Florida Constitution. Plaintiffs claim there is no compelling state interest that would justify having these types of officers and candidates disclose that degree of the information, and, even if there was a compelling interest, requiring these officers and candidates to file a CE Form 6 is not the least restrictive means of accomplishing that interest when the CE Form 1 is also available. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that extending the requirements in Section 112.3144 to municipal elected officials and municipal candidates is unconstitutional, an injunction against enforcing this provision of the law, and legal costs. The Office of the Attorney General is representing Defendants. Defendants have filed a motion to dismiss and Plaintiffs have responded. We await an order on the motion. In the meantime, the case has been reassigned to a different judge. Gray Schafer and Steven Zuilkowski are the Commission's points of contact with lead counsel.

Case 1:24-cv-20604-JAL, President of Town Council Elizabeth A. Loper, elected official of the Town of Briny Breezes, et al. v. Lukis et al. (United States District Court Southern District of Florida). (Jamie A. Cole, Edward G. Guedes, Counsel for Plaintiffs; Kimberly Romano Kopp, Co-Counsel for City of Destin). Plaintiffs are multiple elected municipal officers. They are challenging the validity of the requirement in Section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, that municipal elected officials and mayors (and candidates for such offices) must file a CE Form 6 financial disclosure. Plaintiffs' argument is that requiring these types of officers and candidates to publicly disclose the information required on the CE Form 6 violates their First Amendment rights under the United States Constitution, as it is government-compelled, content-based, non-commercial speech. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that extending the requirements in Section 112.3144 to municipal elected officials and municipal candidates is unconstitutional, an injunction against enforcing this provision of the law, and legal costs and fees. The Office of the Attorney General is representing the defendants. Each side has filed a Motion for Summary

Judgement and all related responses. No argument has been scheduled yet. Gray Schafer and Steven Zuilkowski will be the Commission's points of contact with lead counsel.

Case Number 1D22-3429, Douglas Underhill v. State of Florida, Commission on Ethics (Fla. 1st DCA). This is an appeal of Complaint Nos. 20-060, 20-073, and 20-103 (cons.). (Mark Herron, Counsel for Appellant). All briefs are filed. Neither side requested oral argument. We now await the Court's ruling. Melody Hadley, Gray Schafer, and Steven Zuilkowski are handling the appeal.

USCA Case No. 23-12663 (11th Circuit Court of Appeals), and S.D. Fla. (1:22-CV-24156-BB) Garcia et al. v. Stillman et al. (Scott Hiaasen, Benedict Kuehne, Ron Book, and Robert H. Fernandez, Counsel for Plaintiffs). The District Court entered final judgment in favor of the Plaintiffs, finding that Article II, Section 8(f)(2), was an unconstitutional abridgment of free speech. The District Court enjoined the Commission from enforcing the provision on any public officer in the State. Defendants appealed. The 11th Circuit has stayed the injunction pending a final adjudication of the appeal. The Office of the Solicitor General is representing Defendants in the appeal. All briefs are filed. Oral argument is now scheduled for February 26, 2025. Steven Zuilkowski is monitoring the appeal.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Kerrie provided two hours of ethics training to County Commissioners at the Institute for County Government's 2024 Ethics, Public Records, and Sunshine Laws class, in Tampa, Florida, on December 3, 2024.

On Monday, December 9, Gray provided 90 minutes of training to members of the Florida Senate. The session included an overview of the Commission, financial disclosure, and the gift laws.

Steve provided a one-hour ethics training webinar for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, on December 12.

Steve provided a two-hour training at the Florida Department of Revenue's Continuing Education Workshop for Property Appraisers and Tax Collectors, in Orlando, on January 28.

On February 4, Steve provided a 30-minute ethics training at the orientation for new Supervisors of Elections at the Florida Supervisors of Elections meeting in Tallahassee.

Gray provided a two-hour lecture in Tallahassee on Thursday, February 20, at a conference sponsored by the Property Appraiser's Association of Florida, Inc.

On Tuesday, February 25, Gray will deliver a two-hour presentation, in Orlando, at the Winter Conference of the Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers Association. On that same day, Kerrie will provide an ethics training at the Department of Revenue's Duties and Responsibilities of Florida Tax Collector's course, in Tallahassee.

FINANCES

As of January 31, 2025, we've spent \$1,642,988.81 (54.4%) of our appropriation, with 58.33% of the FY gone.

ENFORCEMENT

The Commission received Executive Orders from the Office of the Governor, relating to the imposition of fines recommended by the Commission in seventeen complaints. The orders are attached to this report. The Commission Advocate is now pursuing payment of the civil penalties imposed by the Governor.

PENDING ORDERS IMPOSING PENALTIES

GOVERNOR

- 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. 18-168, In re Dustin Daniels (Final Order 04/21/21)
- 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)
- Complaint No. 17-082, In re Carlos Beruff (Final Order 7/27/2022)
- Complaint No. 20-060,
20-073, 20-103(Cons.), In re Douglas Underhill (Final Order 10/26/2022) *on appeal
- Complaint No. 21-039 to 052, 21-057, 21-060, & 21-064 (Cons), In re Vanessa Baugh (2/1/2023)
- Complaint Nos. 19-100 to 19-120 (Cons.), In re Melody Jurado (Final Order 6/14/23)
- Complaint No. 22-024, In re John Capps (Final Order 6/14/23)
- Complaint No. 21-229, In re Eddie Martinez (Final Order 9/13/2023)
- Complaint No. 22-065, In re Oren Miller (Final Order 9/13/2023)
- Complaint No. 23-108, Leslie Ricciardelli, (Final Order 10/25/23)
- Complaint No. 22-163, William Oppenheimer (Final Order 10/25/23)
- Complaint No. 22-164, Heather Post (Final Order 10/25/23)
- Complaint No. 18-203, In re Christine Roberts (Final Order 12/6/2023)
- Complaint No. 22-027, In re Ernesto Torres (Final Order 12/6/2023)
- Complaint No. 19-007, In re Frank Kruppenbacher (Final Order 1/31/24)
- Complaint No. 23-016, In re Aneala Beachum (Final Order 1/31/24)
- Complaint No. 23-094, In re David Law (Final Order 1/31/24)
- Complaint No. 21-101, In re Brian Mulligan (Final Order 3/13/24)
- Complaint No. 22-178 & 185, In re Stephanie Busin (Final Order 3/13/24)
- Complaint No. 21-238, In re Mark Cagni (Final Order 3/13/24)
- Complaint No. 22-012, In re Angela Hough (Final Order 3/13/24)
- Complaint No. 23-168, In re Henry Rosenthal (Final Order 4/19/2024)
- Complaint No. 23-200, In re Michael Cusack (Final Order 4/19/2024)
- Complaint No. 23-221, In re Ken Mascara (Final Order 7/31/2024)

HOUSE

- Complaint No. 18-026, In re Kim Daniels (Final Order 1/30/2019)
- Complaint No. 20-206, In re Jackie Toledo (Final Order 10/27/2021)
- Complaint No. 20-211, In re Tracie Davis (Final Order 10/27/2021)

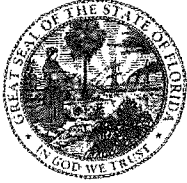
Complaint No. 21-159, In re Tracie Davis (Final Order 6/8/2022)

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Complaint No. 18-090, In re Daphne Campbell (Final Order 3/9/2022)

**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, In re CJT Strategies, LLC (Probable Cause 12/3/21)
- Complaint No. 22-074, In re Capitol Strategy Group (12/2/22)
- Complaint No. 22-075, In re Buchanan, Ingersoll, and Rooney (12/2/22)



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The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re John Polinsky, Complaint No. 22-205

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-015 and has recommended that John Polinsky, a former Dorcas Fire Chief for District 39, be removed from office. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-17.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bnm
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. John Polinsky

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2024E-17

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, John Polinsky at all times material hereto was the Dorcas Fire Chief, District 39, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 23-015, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and John Polinsky and therein found that John Polinsky violated section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, by failing to file a 2018 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests"; and

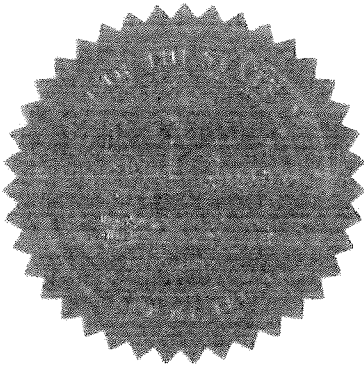
WHEREAS, section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, provides that when the Florida Commission on Ethics "determines that [a] person willfully failed to file a statement of financial interests, the commission shall enter an order recommending that the officer or employee be removed from his or her public office or public employment"; and

WHEREAS, section 112.324, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon recommendation by the Commission, may invoke the penalty provisions under section 112.317, Florida Statutes, in the case of a public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-015 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. John Polinsky violated section 112.3145(9)(c), Florida Statutes, by willfully failing to file a 2018 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests."
2. John Polinsky no longer holds public office as Dorcas Fire Chief, District 39.



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GOVERNOR

DATE: December 20, 2024

By:

Ryan D. Newman

Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Joel Davis, Complaint No. 17-108

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 18-035 and has recommended that Joel Davis, a former member of the St. Cloud Community Redevelopment Agency, be removed from office. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-02.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bnm
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Sillman
Mr. Joel Davis

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2024E-02

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Joel Davis at all times material hereto was a member of the St. Cloud Community Redevelopment Agency, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 18-035, the Commission on Ethics found that Joel Davis violated section 112.3145(8)(c), Florida Statutes (2018), by failing to file a 2015 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests"; and

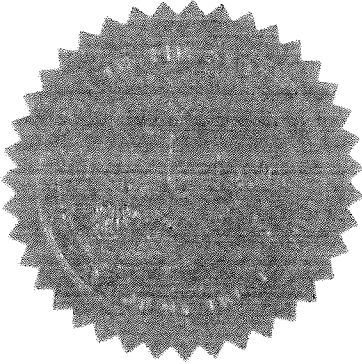
WHEREAS, section 112.3145(8)(c), Florida Statutes (2018), provides that when the Florida Commission on Ethics "determines that [a] person willfully failed to file a statement of financial interests, the commission shall enter an order recommending that the officer or employee be removed from his or her public office or public employment"; and

WHEREAS, section 112.324, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon recommendation by the Commission, may invoke the penalty provisions under section 112.317, Florida Statutes, in the case of a public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the findings and recommendations of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 18-035 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Joel Davis violated section 112.3145(8)(c), Florida Statutes (2018), by willfully failing to file a 2015 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests."
2. Joel Davis no longer holds public office as a member of the St. Cloud Community Redevelopment Agency.



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By:

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Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Michael S. Murphy, Complaint No. 15-178

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 16-109 and has recommended that Michael S. Murphy, a former District Agent of the Cooperative Producers Water Control District, be removed from office. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-01.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

RDN/bnm
Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Michael S. Murphy

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2024E-01

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Michael S. Murphy at all times material hereto was a District Agent of the Cooperative Producers Water Control District, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 16-109, the Commission on Ethics found that Michael S. Murphy violated section 112.3145(8)(c), Florida Statutes (2016), by failing to file his 2013 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests"; and

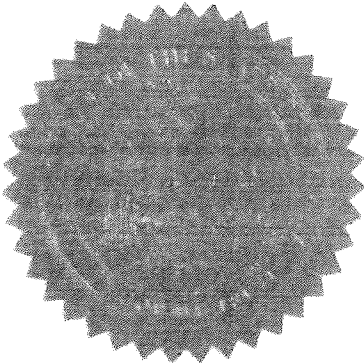
WHEREAS, section 112.3145(8)(c), Florida Statutes (2016), provides that when the Florida Commission on Ethics "determines that [a] person willfully failed to file a statement of financial interests, the commission shall enter an order recommending that the officer or employee be removed from his or her public office or public employment"; and

WHEREAS, section 112.324, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon recommendation by the Commission, may invoke the penalty provisions under section 112.317, Florida Statutes, in the case of a public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 16-109 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Michael S. Murphy has violated section 112.3145(8)(c), Florida Statutes (2016), by willfully failing to file his 2013 CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests."
2. Michael S. Murphy no longer holds public office as District Agent of the Cooperative Producers Water Control District.



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DATE: December 20, 2024

By:

Ryan D. Newman

Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

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The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
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Re: In re Francis David Bourrie, Complaint No. 20-124

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-007 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against Francis David Bourrie, who was a write-in candidate for Clay County Sheriff, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the \$1,000 civil penalty recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-03. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Francis David Bourrie

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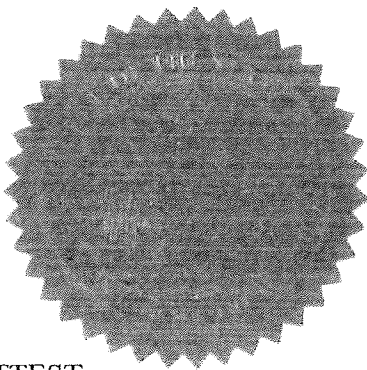
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WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Francis David Bourrie and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-007, In re Francis David Bourrie; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 21-007 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$1,000 civil penalty specified in Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-007. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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Re: In re Thomas Lance Clyce, Complaint No. 18-211

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-001 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 against Thomas Lance Clyce, who was a member of the Board of Supervisors of the Heritage Landing Community Development District, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the \$500 civil penalty recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-04. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Thomas Lance Clyce

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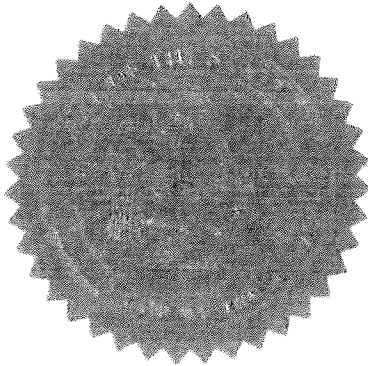
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WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Thomas Lance Clyce and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-001, In re Thomas Lance Clyce; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-001 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$500 civil penalty specified in Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-001. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
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Re: In re Marilyn D. Sconions, Complaint No. 19-192

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-007 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against Marilyn D. Sconions, a former member of the Eatonville Town Council, and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has imposed a \$500 civil penalty as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-05. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Ms. Marilyn D. Sconions

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2024E-05

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Marilyn D. Sconions and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-007, In re Marilyn D. Sconions; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-007 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing a \$500 civil penalty. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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GENERAL COUNSEL

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The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Reginald Sessions, Complaint No. 21-077

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-028 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against Reginald Sessions, who is a former member of the Fort Pierce City Commission and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the \$1,000 civil penalty recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-06. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent

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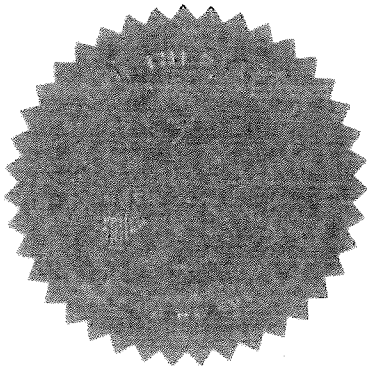
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2024E-06

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Pre-Probable Cause Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Reginald Sessions and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-028, In re Reginald Sessions; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-028 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$1,000 civil penalty specified in Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-028. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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DATE: December 20, 2024

By:

Ryan D. Newman

Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

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Re: In re Muhammad Amin, Complaint No. 20-125

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-029 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against Muhammad Amin, who was a write-in candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the \$1,000 civil penalty recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-07. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Muhammad Amin

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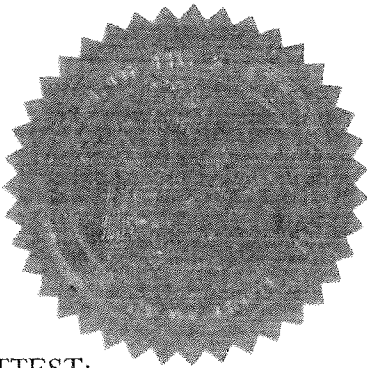
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2024E-07

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Muhammad Amin and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 21-029, In re Muhammad Amin; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Final Order and Public Report No. 21-029 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$1,000 civil penalty specified in Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-029. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by the respondent that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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GENERAL COUNSEL

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Re: In re Joseph Kilsheimer, Complaint No. 18-020

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-002 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500 against Joseph Kilsheimer, who was the Mayor of Apopka, and restitution in the amount of \$668 to the City of Apopka, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-08. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2024E-08

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Kilsheimer at all times material hereto was the Mayor of Apopka, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 22-002 rendered on January 26, 2022, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Joseph Kilsheimer and therein found that Joseph Kilsheimer violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by improperly billing the City of Apopka for travel expenses incurred by him and his spouse on a trip to Washington D.C., and violated section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to report gifts he and his spouse received; and

WHEREAS, section 112.324, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon recommendation by the Commission, may invoke the penalty provisions under section 112.317, Florida Statutes, in the case of a public officer or employee; and

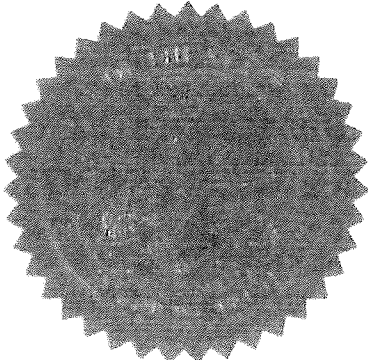
WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-002 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Joseph Kilsheimer violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by improperly billing the City of Apopka for travel expenses incurred by him and his spouse on a trip to Washington D.C., and violated section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to report gifts they received.

2. Restitution in the amount of \$668.00 to the City of Apopka, and a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500 for the violation of sections 112.313(6) and 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Joseph Kilsheimer, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Joseph Kilsheimer is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis
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DATE: December 20, 2024

By: Ryan D. Newman
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GENERAL COUNSEL

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Re: In re Cynthia Stuart, Complaint No. 21-162

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-011 and has recommended that the Governor impose a \$1,000 civil penalty against Cynthia Stuart, the Clerk of Court for Hillsborough County. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-09. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Ms. Cheryl E. Forchilli, Attorney for Respondent

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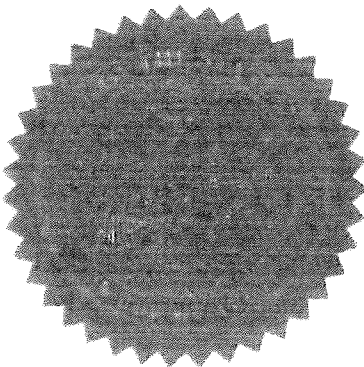
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2024E-09

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Pre-Probable Cause Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Cynthia Stuart and issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-011, In re Cynthia Stuart; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-011 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$1,000 civil penalty specified in Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-011. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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DATE: December 20, 2024

By:

Ryan D. Newman

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GENERAL COUNSEL

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Re: In re David N. Tolces, Complaint No. 20-100

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-026 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500 against Tolces, the former Interim General Counsel for the Broward County Housing Authority, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-10. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent
Mr. Brennan Donnelly, Attorney for Respondent

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WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, David N. Tolces at all times material hereto was the Interim General Counsel for the Broward County Housing Authority, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 22-026, the Commission on Ethics found that David N. Tolces violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his official position in an attempt to secure a special privilege or benefit for himself or his law firm, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman; and

WHEREAS, section 112.324, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon recommendation by the Commission, may invoke the penalty provisions under section 112.317, Florida Statutes, in the case of a public officer or employee; and

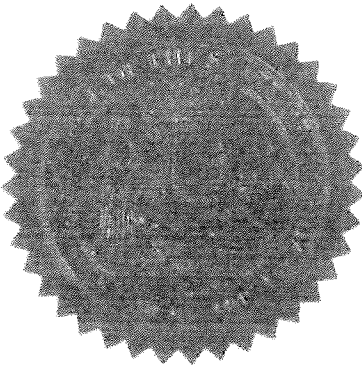
WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-026 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. David N. Tolces violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his official position in an attempt to secure a special privilege or benefit for himself or his law firm, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500 for the violation of section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on David N. Tolces, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. David N. Tolces is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis
GOVERNOR

DATE: December 20, 2024

By:

Ryan D. Newman

Ryan D. Newman
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

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Attorney General
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Re: In re Marybeth Henderson, Complaint No. 22-006

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-035 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$750 against Marybeth Henderson, Mayor of the Town of Redington Shores, and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the \$750 civil penalty recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-11. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent

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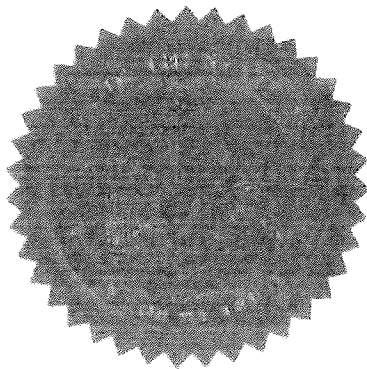
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WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Pre-Probable Cause Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Marybeth Henderson and thereby issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-035, In re Marybeth Henderson; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-035 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$750 civil penalty specified in Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-035. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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GENERAL COUNSEL

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Attorney General
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Re: In re Omari Hardy, Complaints Nos. 20-165 and 20-184 (consolidated)

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-038 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against Omari Hardy, a candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-12. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Omari Hardy

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WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Omari Hardy at all times material hereto was a candidate for State Representative, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 22-038 rendered on September 14, 2022, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Amended Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Omari Hardy and therein found that Omari Hardy violated Article II, section 8 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by failing to make an accurate disclosure of his net worth on his 2019 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests"; and

WHEREAS, section 112.324, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon recommendation by the Commission, may invoke the penalty provisions under section 112.317, Florida Statutes, in the case of a public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-038 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Omari Hardy violated Article II, section 8 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by failing to make an accurate disclosure of his net worth on his 2019 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests."

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 for the violation of Article II, section 8 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Omari Hardy, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Omari Hardy is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.

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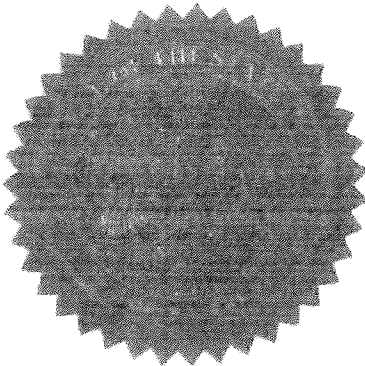
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Attorney General
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Re: In re Randall Merritt, Complaint No. 20-120

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Second Amended Final Order and Public Report No. 22-037 and has recommended that the Governor impose a \$1,000 civil penalty against Randall Merritt, a former member of the Wakulla County Commission for District 2, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the \$1,000 civil penalty recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-13. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent

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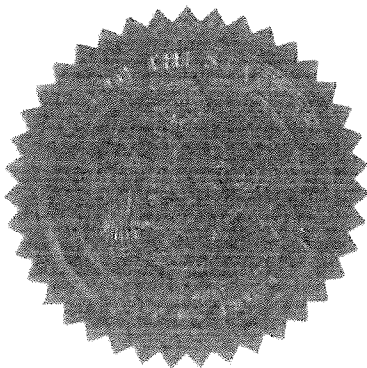
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WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Randall Merritt and issued Second Amended Final Order and Public Report No. 22-037, In re Randall Merritt; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Commission on Ethics Second Amended Final Order and Public Report No. 22-037 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$1,000 civil penalty specified in Commission on Ethics Second Amended Final Order and Public Report No. 22-037. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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DATE: December 20, 2024

By:

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Re: In re Rodney J. Braden, Complaint No. 21-204

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-044 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$3,000 against Rodney J. Braden, a former member of the City Council for the City of Destin, Florida. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-14. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

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Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Rodney J. Braden

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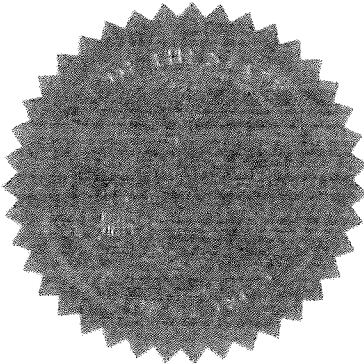
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WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Rodney J. Braden and issued Final Order and Public Report No. 22-044, In re Rodney J. Braden; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-044 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$3,000 civil penalty specified in Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 22-044. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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GOVERNOR

DATE: December 20, 2024

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Ryan D. Newman

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Re: In re Jennié Blackburn, Complaint No. 22-146

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-010 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000 against Jennié Blackburn, a former Commissioner for the Town of Redington Shores, Florida. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-15. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan D. Newman".

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Ms. Jennié Blackburn

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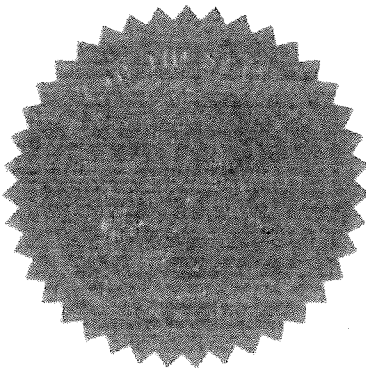
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2024E-15

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has adopted the Pre-Probable Cause Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Jennie Blackburn and issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-010, In re Jennie Blackburn; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-010 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order hereby imposing the \$1,000 civil penalty specified in Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-010. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



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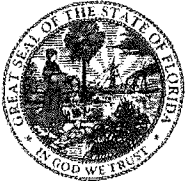
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The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: In re Homer Bradley Harvey, Complaint No. ~~22-063~~ 20-063

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-002 and has recommended that the Governor impose \$40,000 in civil penalties and \$209,236.30 in restitution against Homer Bradley Harvey, a former Property Appraiser for Wakulla County, and that he be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the \$40,000 civil penalty and public censure and reprimand recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-16. It is our understanding that Mr. Harvey was judged guilty and ordered to pay restitution by the Second Judicial Circuit Court in and for Wakulla County, case number 20-0103CF. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Mr. Homer Bradley Harvey

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2024E-16

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Homer Bradley Harvey at all times material hereto was the Property Appraiser for Wakulla County, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 23-002 rendered on February 1, 2023, the Commission on Ethics found that Homer Bradley Harvey violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by providing himself compensation in excess of the statutorily prescribed salary; violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using the Property Appraiser's Office credit card for personal purchases; violated Article II, section 8 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate 2017 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial interests"; and violated Article II, section 8 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate 2018 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests"; and

WHEREAS, section 112.324, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon recommendation by the Commission, may invoke the penalty provisions under section 112.317, Florida Statutes, in the case of a public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-002 are accepted; and

WHEREAS, Homer Bradley Harvey was judged guilty of Organized Scheme to Defraud More than \$50,000, a first-degree felony under section 817.034(4)(a)1., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Homer Bradley Harvey's sentence includes an order to pay restitution in the amount of \$176,207.68 to the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Homer Bradley Harvey violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by providing himself compensation in excess of the statutorily prescribed salary; violated section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using the Property Appraiser's Office credit card for personal purchases; violated Article II, section 8 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate 2017 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial interests"; and violated Article II, section 8 of the Florida Constitution and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate 2018 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests."

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$40,000 for violations of Article II, section 8 of the Florida Constitution and sections 112.313(6) and 112.3144, Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Homer Bradley Harvey. Payments must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Homer Bradley Harvey is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.

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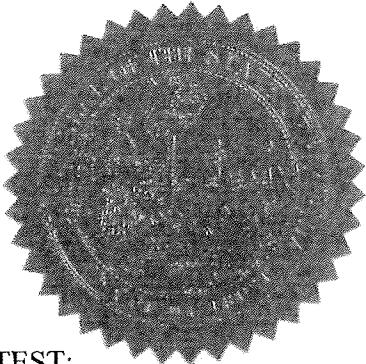
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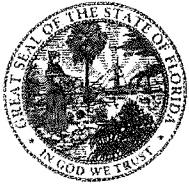


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The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
The Capitol, PL 01
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Re: In re Colleen Reilly, Complaint No. 15-085

Dear Attorney General Moody:

The Commission on Ethics issued Final Order and Public Report No. 23-023 and has recommended that the Governor impose a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 against Colleen Reilly, who served as an Interim Orange County Clerk of Courts, and that she be publicly censured and reprimanded. The Governor has accepted the recommendation of the Commission as evidenced by enclosed Executive Order 2024E-18. Your assistance is requested, pursuant to section 112.317(2), Florida Statutes, to take the necessary steps to collect the penalty. Please contact this office when the Respondent has satisfied the penalty required by the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Ryan D. Newman
General Counsel

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cc: Ms. Kerrie J. Stillman
Ms. Amy Shay, Attorney for Respondent

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WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Reilly at all times material hereto was the Interim Orange County Clerk of Courts, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in Final Order and Public Report No. 23-023 rendered on September 13, 2023, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Amended Joint Stipulation of Facts, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Colleen Reilly and found that Colleen Reilly 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 Clerk of Courts; and

WHEREAS, section 112.324, Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor, upon recommendation by the Commission, may invoke the penalty provisions under section 112.317, Florida Statutes, in the case of a public officer or employee; and

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 23-023 are accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Colleen Reilly 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 Clerk of Courts.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 for the violation of section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Colleen Reilly, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Colleen Reilly is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.

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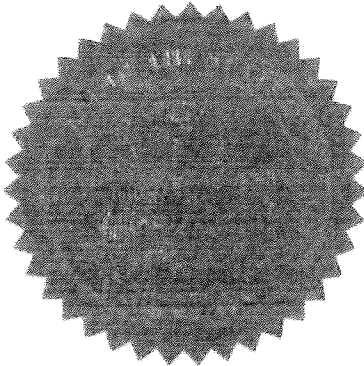
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