

4. On August 18, 2022, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a postcard intended to remind him of his obligation to file a 2021 CE Form 1. The Commission mailed the postcard to the 6262 Emerson Ave. S., Unit 23 address.

5. On September 13, 2022, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a courtesy notice of fines accruing. This was sent to the 6262 Emerson Ave. S., Unit 23 address.

6. On December 1, 2023, Appellant submitted his 2021 CE Form 1 to the Commission on Ethics, 456 days late.

7. On November 17, 2023, the Commission mailed Appellant a notice of assessment of his automatic fine. The notice was sent by mail to the 6262 Emerson Ave. S., Unit 23 address. It indicated the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine was \$1,500.00 (\$25 per day for 60 days late) and provided that the Commission must receive an appeal of the fine by December 18, 2023.

8. On December 1, 2023, the Commission received Appellant's appeal of his automatic fine for Form Year 2021. In part B of his appeal form, Appellant checked both "Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice" and "Other unusual circumstances" as the general reason for his appeal. In his attached letter, Appellant stated he never received notice that the due date and courtesy grace period for filing his 2021 CE Form 1 had passed, nor had he received notice of his resulting accrual of fines. He stated the signature on the certified mail receipt from August 1, 2022, is not his signature, and that he never received that notice. He also stated the assessment of the fine would be devastating to his financial situation because of his student loans.

Conclusions of Law

9. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

10. 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.

11. Section 112.3145(8)(f)2., 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.

12. Here, Appellant claims he never received the notices sent to him by the Commission on Ethics regarding the deadline for filing his 2021 CE Form 1, nor did he receive the notices that he had missed both the deadline for filing and the courtesy grace period, and, as a result, fines were accruing. There is no evidence to dispute Appellant's claims that he did not receive any of the notices sent to him by the Commission on Ethics, nor is there evidence to dispute his claim that the signature on the certified mail receipt from August 1, 2022, is not his signature. Considering Appellant's claims, and that there is no evidence showing otherwise, there are "unusual circumstances" here that justify waiving the \$1,500.00 fine.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby finds that unusual circumstances for failure to file have been demonstrated. We therefore waive the assessed fine of \$1,500.00.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on
January 24, 2025.

Date Rendered

Luis M. Fusté
Chair, 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 SECTION 120.68, AND SECTION 112.3241, 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, 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.

LMF: sen

cc Hugo Martin-Rodriguez
6262 Emerson Ave. Unit 23
St. Petersburg, FL 33971

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FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

To: Commission on Ethics & Ms. Kim Holmes Fax: 850 488-3077

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Re: Amended appeal form and request for hearing

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From: Hugo Martin-Rodriguez PID# 274625

Please accept my amended appeal form and request for hearing, submitted 12/1/2023.

As a member of the Florida Bar, in good standing, I recognize the importance of duty and candor to the Commission. I fully believe that my delinquent status results from an honest misunderstanding. On Wednesday, 11/28/23, I received notice of assessment of automatic fine, and later that day, I contacted the Commission office to gather additional information. I hope that the board will understand that the reason for my delinquency was due to lack of notice and unusual circumstances pertaining to the unclaimed certified mail provisions under Commission Rule 34-8.215(4)f. For that reason, I am specifically requesting a hearing in my appeal.

I am in receipt and have reviewed the certified mail receipt from the 2021 reporting period and can confirm that the signature provided to me is not mine. I do live alone, and no one else would have signed a package on my behalf. I am surprised that a postal official would accept the notation as a qualifying signature because the notation appears to be a few scribbled lines, rather than an actual signature. Please accept that the certified signature is not mine and please note that I have been compliant with the current and former review period disclosures.

Please note that I am no longer employed with the Guardian ad Litem Program, and it may be the case that communications were also sent to my former employer, but not provided to me, as I would have acted upon the notice timely, as I have in other review periods.

In regard to the current notice, as stated above, I received notice on 11/28/23 by certified mail, but I did not sign for the current notice either, as I discovered the notice after it had been placed inside my locked apartment mailbox. In other words, if the current certified mail notification received by me on 11/28/23 has an accompanying signature, that signature is also not mine. I am unaware if the current does have an accompanying signature.

The assessment of the fine would be devastating to my financial situation. I currently have student loans exceeding 200 thousand dollars, I don't own any real property, no secondary source of income, I am single, not married, but have tremendous student loan liabilities. Please consider my financial situation in deciding whether or not to grant this appeal.

Seddy



STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

325 John Knox Road
Building E, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303
Telephone: (850) 488-7864
Fax: (850) 488-3077
Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

(Amended)

APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2021

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

Email: holmes.kim@leg.state.fl.us

PART A: YOUR INFORMATION

Name: Hugo Martin Rodriguez

Address: 6262 Emerson Ave Unit 23 City: Saint Petersburg State: FL Zip: 33971

Daytime Tel.: 727 464 6511 (work) Cell: 239 826 2287

Email: hugomartinrodriguez@flpd6.gov Filer ID# (if known): _____

Public Employer: Office of Public Defender, Pinellas Co. FL

Public Position: PA Assistant Public Defender

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:

- a. **Sickness or injury** (Explain in Part C and attach a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of illness or injury)
- b. **Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation 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.)
- c. **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, 2021** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2021)
- e. **Other unusual circumstance** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing prior to deadline)
- f. **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.

Please see the attached form & letter.


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

I have received and read the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine and its instructions on How to Appeal and I understand my options. I am requesting disposition of this matter as indicated.

11/29/23
DATE


SIGNATURE

Holmes, Kim

From: disclosure
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2023 3:17 PM
To: Martin-Rodriguez, Hugo
Cc: Holmes, Kim
Subject: RE: Amended appeal of automatic fine for form year 2021 and hearing request

Hi,

Yes, we received the amended appeal.

Yes, we received the updated address on appeal form.

Thank you.

Address: 6262 Emerald Ave S Unit 23 City: Saint Petersburg

Sincerely,
Emily E. Prine
Program Specialist/Financial Disclosure
850-488-7864
Florida Commission on Ethics
Post Office Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

From: Martin-Rodriguez, Hugo <hugomartinrodriguez@fldpd6.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2023 2:06 PM
To: disclosure <disclosure@leg.state.fl.us>
Cc: Holmes, Kim <HOLMES.KIM@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: Amended appeal of automatic fine for form year 2021 and hearing request

Hello,

Please accept my amended appeal and request for hearing of automatic fine for form year 2021.



Hugo Martin-Rodriguez
Assistant Public Defender

Law Offices of Sara B. Mollo,
Public Defender Sixth Judicial Circuit

14250 49th Street North
Clearwater, FL 33762
Office: 727-464-6516

Email: hugomartinrodriguez@flpd6.gov



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PLEASE NOTE: All e-mail is potentially available as a public record.

FORM 1

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

2021

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Mr Hugo Bernard Martin-Rodriguez
Child's Best Interest Attorney
Guardian ad Litem Program
Employees
6262 Emerson Ave S UNIT 23
Saint Petersburg FL 33707

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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Martin-Rodriguez Hugo Bernard

CHECK ONLY IF [] CANDIDATE OR [] NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

**** THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED ****

DISCLOSURE PERIOD:

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTERESTS:

FILERS HAVE THE OPTION OF USING REPORTING THRESHOLDS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE DOLLAR VALUES, WHICH REQUIRES FEWER CALCULATIONS, OR USING COMPARATIVE THRESHOLDS, WHICH ARE USUALLY BASED ON PERCENTAGE VALUES (see instructions for further details). CHECK THE ONE YOU ARE USING (must check one):

[x] COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS OR [] DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS

PART A -- PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major sources of income to the reporting person - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Table with 3 columns: NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME, SOURCE'S ADDRESS, DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY. Handwritten entry: Guardian Ad Litem, 14250 49th Street N. #4000 Clearwater FL, legal rep of Foster Care children

PART B -- SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Table with 4 columns: NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY, NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME, ADDRESS OF SOURCE, PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE. Handwritten entry: N/A

PART C -- REAL PROPERTY [Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See instructions] (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Table with 1 column: REAL PROPERTY. Handwritten entry: N/A

You are not limited to the space on the lines on this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS for when and where to file this form are located at the bottom of page 2.

INSTRUCTIONS on who must file this form and how to fill it out begin on page 3.

PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY [Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. - See instructions]
 (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

TYPE OF INTANGIBLE	BUSINESS ENTITY TO WHICH THE PROPERTY RELATES
N/A	

PART E — LIABILITIES [Major debts - See instructions]
 (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF CREDITOR	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR
Monelia Student Loans	PO Box 790233 St Louis MO 63179-0233

PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES [Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses - See instructions]
 (If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	BUSINESS ENTITY # 1	BUSINESS ENTITY # 2
		N/A
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY		
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY		
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY		
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS		
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST		

PART G — TRAINING For elected municipal officers, appointed school superintendents, and commissioners of a community redevelopment agency created under Part III, Chapter 163 required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.

IF ANY OF PARTS A THROUGH G ARE CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE

SIGNATURE OF FILER:

Signature:



Date Signed:

11/29/23

CPA or ATTORNEY SIGNATURE ONLY

If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or she must complete the following statement:

I, _____, prepared the CE Form 1 in accordance with Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.

CPA/Attorney Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

If you were mailed the form by the Commission on Ethics or a County Supervisor of Elections for your annual disclosure filing, return the form to that location. To determine what category your position falls under, see page 3 of instructions.

Local officers/employees file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside. (If you do not permanently reside in Florida, file with the Supervisor of the county where your agency has its headquarters.) Form 1 filers who file with the Supervisor of Elections may file by mail or email. Contact your Supervisor of Elections for the mailing address or email address to use. Do not email your form to the Commission on Ethics, it will be returned.

State officers or specified state employees who file with the Commission on Ethics may file by mail or email. To file by mail, send the completed form to P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. To file with the Commission by email, scan your completed form and any attachments as a pdf (do not use any other format), send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us and retain a copy for your records. Do not file by both mail and email. Choose only one filing method. Form 6s will not be accepted via email.

Candidates file this form together with their filing papers.

MULTIPLE FILING UNNECESSARY: A candidate who files a Form 1 with a qualifying officer is not required to file with the Commission or Supervisor of Elections.

WHEN TO FILE: Initially, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file **within 30 days** of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.

Candidates must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

Thereafter, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

Finally, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2021.



August 1, 2022



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The following is in response to your request for proof of delivery on your item with the tracking number:
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Item Details

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Postal Product:	First-Class Mail®
Extra Services:	Certified Mail™ Return Receipt Electronic
Recipient Name:	MR HUGO BERNARD MARTIN RODRIGUEZ

Recipient Signature

Signature of Recipient:	
Address of Recipient:	

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Thank you for selecting the United States Postal Service® for your mailing needs. If you require additional assistance, please contact your local Post Office™ or a Postal representative at 1-800-222-1811.

Sincerely,
United States Postal Service®
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, D.C. 20260-0004

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MR HUGO BERNARD MARTIN-RODRIGUEZ
6262 Emerson Ave S Apt 23
Saint Petersburg, FL 33707-2364
2021

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

In re **Hugo Bernard Martin-Rodriguez**
Child's Best Interest Attorney
Employees
Guardian ad Litem Program

PID#: 274625

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE

The Commission on Ethics hereby gives notice of an assessment of a fine against you pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2021 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2021 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2022. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 1, 2022. 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)(f), Florida Statutes

Inasmuch as your 2021 CE Form 1 has not been filed with the Commission on Ethics within the 60 days of the grace period date (September 1, 2022), 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)(f)2., Florida Statutes, and Commission Rule 34-8.215, Florida Administrative Code.
3. **FORMAT:** Your appeal must be in writing and mailed to Florida Commission on Ethics, P. O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, or delivered to Florida Commission on Ethics, 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, 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: www.ethics.state.fl.us. Click on "Financial Disclosure" and then the link to the sample appeal form.
4. **DUE DATE:** Your appeal must be received by the Commission on Ethics on or before **December 18, 2023**. **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 1, 2022, 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, 2021:** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2021; or
 - f. **UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL:** if delinquency 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 your 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.

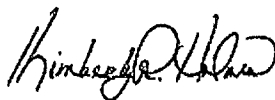
Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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

**Mr Hugo Bernard Martin-Rodriguez
6262 Emerson Ave S UNIT 23
Saint Petersburg, FL 33707**

by Certified Mail on this Friday, November 17, 2023.



KIMBERLY R. HOLMES
Program Administrator

Florida Commission on Ethics
P. O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

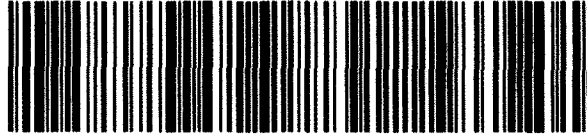
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STATE OF FLORIDA
 COMMISSION ON ETHICS
 PO DRAWER 15709
 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-5709



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RETURN RECEIPT (ELECTRONIC)

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HUGO BERNARD MARTIN-RODRIGUEZ
 6262 EMERSON AVE S APT 23
 SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33707-2364

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Recipient Address

HUGO BERNARD MARTIN-RODRIGUEZ
6262 EMERSON AVE S APT 23
SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33707-2364

Record / Case Number:
274625

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS
PO DRAWER 15709
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-5709

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Signature Information

Signed For By: HUGO BERNARD MARTIN

Signature Status: Not Yet Available

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<<2023 Form Year

Status

Filing: ACTIVE
Fine: No Fine

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Public Address
Filing Extensions
Indefinite: None
Temporary:
None
Eligible for Fines

The filer has fines for: [2022 \(Appeal\)](#)

2022 Fines and Appeals

Form Year 2021 Filed Forms						
Received Date	Form Type	Form Signed	Filed by Email	Filing Location	Updated	Comments
12/01/23	Form 1	Yes	Yes	COE	holmesk on 02/02/2024	

2022 Fine Information					Update Fine Information		
					Assign Agency Contact		
Fine Balance	Fine Status	Fine Date	Original Assessment	Fine Amount	Last Payment Date	Payment Plan Start Date	Payment Plan Amount
\$1,500.00	Appeal	11/17/2023	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00			
Fine Address 6262 Emerson Ave S UNIT 23 Saint Petersburg FL 33707							
Org/Suborg Guardian ad Litem Program-Employees							


2022 Fine Payment History						
Date Posted	Description	Amount	Method	Payment ID	Comments	
11/17/2023	Fine Levied	+ \$1,500.00			Fined \$1500.00	
Current Balance: \$1,500.00						

2022 Fine Year Event Chronology

Invalidate Transaction

Date **Type** **Description** **Reference**

 Add a New Filer


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 05/17/2022 Letter Sent Form 1 Official List - Form 1
Official Filers List Print Queue:
5/17/2022 1:36
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Letter Sent To:
Mr Hugo Bernard Martin-Rodriguez
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Saint Petersburg, FL 33707

 07/29/2022 Letter Sent Certified Letter Sent Print Queue:
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7/29/2022

Letter Sent To:
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UNIT 23
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 08/18/2022 Postcard Sent Courtesy Postcard Reminder Print Queue:
8/18/2022
Printing
Confirmed:
8/18/2022

Letter Sent To:
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UNIT 23
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 09/13/2022 Letter Sent Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing Print Queue:
9/13/2022
Printing
Confirmed:
9/13/2022

Letter Sent To:

Mr Hugo Bernard Martin-Rodriguez
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UNIT 23
Saint Petersburg, FL 33707

02/9/2023 Filer

Emily Prine

Communication:
Email

From: COE-Form1
Sent: Thursday, February 09,
2023 10:23 AM
To: 'Hugo Rodriguez'
<Hugo.Rodriguez@gal.fl.gov>
Subject: RE: Hugo financial
interest form.pdf
Importance: High

Mr. Rodriguez,

We show you did not file
your Form 1 2021 and have
been assessed a fine of
\$1500.00.

Attached is the Form 1
2021 for completion as
well as an appeal form.

Please complete and
return to me as soon as
possible.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Emily E. Prine

From: Hugo Rodriguez
 <Hugo.Rodriguez@gal.fl.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 08,
 2023 1:55 PM
To: COE-Form1

11/17/2023 Fine Levied Fined \$1500.00 Journal:
11/17/2023 12:59
PM

11/17/2023 Notice of Assessed Fine Initial Fine Notice Journal:
11/17/2023 1:03
PM

11/17/2023 Letter Sent Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Print Queue:
 Fine Letter 11/17/2023
 Printing
 Confirmed:
 11/17/2023

Letter Sent To:
 Mr Hugo Bernard Martin-Rodriguez
 6262 Emerson Ave S
 UNIT 23
 Saint Petersburg, FL 33707

12/1/2023 Form Received Form 1 Received, Signed

Form Received By:
Filing Location: COE
Record Created By: Kimberly Holmes on 02/02/2024

12/8/2023 Filer Communication: **From:** disclosure Emily Prine
 Email **Sent:** Friday, December 08, 2023
 3:17 PM
To: Martin-Rodriguez, Hugo
 <hugomartinrodriguez@fld6.gov>
Cc: Holmes, Kim
 <HOLMES.KIM@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Amended appeal of
 automatic fine for form year 2021
 and hearing request

Hi,

Yes, we received the amended appeal.

Yes, we received the updated address on appeal form.

Thank you.

02/6/2024 Fine Appeal

FD 22-020

Journal: 2/6/2024

3:48 PM

<p>2022 Fine Appeal -- FD 22-020</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Update Appeal</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Withdraw Appeal</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Assign Attorney</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Request More Info</div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 100%; text-align: center;">Record Appeal Outcome</div>
<p>Appeal Status: Active</p> <p>Appeal Receipt Date: 12/01/2023</p> <p>Timely Filed: Yes</p> <p>Print Appeal</p> <p>Letter: Yes</p> <p>Hearing Requested: Yes</p> <p>Appeal Reason: Lack of Notification, Other</p> <p>Appeal Notes:</p> <p>Appeal Number: FD 22-020</p> <p>Appeal Analyst</p> <p>Assigned:</p> <p>Final Order</p>	<p>A Hearing has been requested but not yet scheduled.</p> <p>Schedule a Fine Appeal Hearing</p>

	Number:	
	Final Order Date:	