

In re INGER M. GARCIA, ESQ.)
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 Appellant.)
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Final Order No.

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on October 23, 2026, on the timely appeal of Inger M. Garcia, Esq., pursuant to Section 112.3215(5)(d), Florida Statutes, which assesses an automatic fine of \$50 per day on a lobbying firm that fails to timely file an executive branch compensation report. The Commission may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown, based on unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file by the designated due date. Appellant did not request a hearing before the Commission.

1. Appellant is a lobbying firm that receives, or is entitled to receive, compensation for the purpose of lobbying agencies of the executive branch and is required to file a firm compensation report with the Commission on Ethics for each calendar quarter during any portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyist(s) were registered to represent a principal.

2. During the fourth quarter of calendar year 2025, Appellant had one registered lobbyist. The statutory deadline for the filing of the executive branch firm compensation report for the fourth quarter of 2025 was February 14, 2026.

3. On January 1, 2026, Appellant was sent an email reminder regarding the requirement to file its fourth quarter compensation report, which indicated the deadline for filing

was February 14, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EST. The email was sent to Appellant at serviceimglaw@yahoo.com. Staff did not receive any notification that this initial email was blocked or returned.

4. On February 9, 2026, Appellant was sent a follow up courtesy reminder at the same email address—serviceimglaw@yahoo.com—regarding the requirement to file the firm's fourth quarter compensation report. The email also indicated that the deadline for filing was February 14, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Staff did not receive any notification that this reminder email was blocked or returned.

5. Another email was sent on February 15, 2026—the day after the fourth quarter compensation report was due—indicating that the report had not been received, and that a \$50 per day fine had begun to accrue pursuant to Section 112.3215(5), Florida Statutes. The email was sent to Appellant at serviceimglaw@yahoo.com, and there is no indication this email was blocked or returned.

6. On March 5, 2026, following five attempts by staff to contact Appellant concerning the need to file the fourth quarter compensation report through telephone calls and recorded voicemails, staff was able to speak with Appellant's lobbyist by telephone. Appellant's lobbyist indicated she timely filed the fourth quarter report on February 14, 2026, which was the day that it was due. When staff informed Appellant's lobbyist that no such report had been received, she responded "she had been hacked [and] hoped no other corporate documents had been lost."

7. The next day, March 6, 2026, Appellant filed its fourth quarter compensation report. The report indicated \$0 total compensation for the fourth quarter of 2025.

8. That same day, March 6, 2026, Appellant was sent a Notification of Assessed Fine via email at "serviceimglaw@yahoo.com." The Notification was sent to the same email address as the earlier reminders. The Notification included the total amount of Appellant's accrued automatic fine, which was \$1,000, reflecting that the report was filed 20 days late. The Notification also included a notice of Appellant's right to appeal the fine.¹

9. Appellant timely submitted an appeal of the automatic fine on April 3, 2026. The appeal was submitted from serviceimglaw@yahoo.com, which was the same email where the earlier notices were sent. In its appeal, Appellant states as grounds that it had timely prepared and submitted its fourth quarter compensation report on February 14, 2026, but that "[a] hacker apparently prevented the filing [and its lobbyist was not aware of this] until [she] received a courtesy call and a copy of deficiency email." The appeal also notes that Appellant has never earned any income from lobbying.

Conclusions of Law

10. The Commission has jurisdiction over Appellant and over the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Section 112.3215, Florida Statutes.

11. Section 112.3215(5)(d), Florida Statutes, assesses a fine of \$50 per day on an executive branch lobbying firm that fails to timely file a compensation report and provides that the Commission may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown, based on "unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date."

¹ Section 112.3215(5)(d)4, Florida Statutes, provides for an automatic one-time fine waiver the first time a lobbying firm fails to timely file an executive branch compensation report, so long as that report is filed within 30 days of the late notice. Appellant received this one-time fine waiver in association with a late-filed third quarter 2024 executive branch compensation report and is not eligible to receive another automatic fine waiver.

12. Commission Rule 34-12.407(4), Florida Administrative Code, defines "unusual circumstances" as follows:

'Unusual circumstances' means uncommon, rare or sudden events over which the actor has no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements. Circumstances which allow for time in which to take those steps necessary to assure compliance with the filing requirements shall be deemed not to constitute unusual circumstances.

13. The responsibility for timely filing of executive branch compensation reports rests with the lobbying firm, as does the burden of persuading the Commission that the failure to timely report resulted from "unusual circumstances." Appellant asserts in its appeal two reasons to show there were "unusual circumstances" justifying the waiver of its fine.

14. First, Appellant claims its lobbyist timely submitted the fourth quarter report, but that a hacker "apparently prevented the filing[.]" We do not find this reason demonstrates an "unusual circumstance" to waive the fine. Despite Appellant's contention that the compensation report was submitted by the filing deadline, there is no indication that it was timely filed or received by the Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration Office. Compensation reports are submitted via the Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration System (accessible at floridalobbyst.gov), and there is no indication in the System that a report was ever filed or that tampering with a report occurred. Moreover, while Appellant claims in the appeal—as well as in additional responses to staff questions—that "hackers constantly attack" its devices and email accounts, it has not presented any evidence to substantiate this claim except for the statements of its lobbyist. Appellant's reasoning also is inconsistent. On one hand, it claims "hacking" has affected its devices and emails to an alarming degree, but, on the other hand, it admits in correspondence to the Commission that it timely received the notices of the filing deadline sent by email on January 1, 2026, and February 9, 2026. Moreover, Appellant was able to use its

devices to immediately submit the tardy compensation report the day after Commission staff spoke with its lobbyist, and submitted the instant appeal through one of the very email addresses that it claims was hacked. Finally, as noted above, compensation reports are filed through the Executive Branch Lobbyist Registration System, not via email or through another electronic means of submission. Even if Appellant's email accounts were hacked, it does not appear this would have affected its ability to timely submit the compensation report through the Registration System, which does not rely upon the proper functioning of a lobbying firm's email address for a successful submission.

15. Second, Appellant claims it received no compensation from lobbying during the fourth quarter of 2025, which was the time period covered by the report in question. However, the statute concerning compensation reports specifically requires a quarterly filing even if no compensation was received. See § 112.3215(5)(a)1.c., Fla. Stat. (requiring a compensation report even if just to indicate \$0 in compensation). For this reason, the fact that Appellant may not have earned compensation for lobbying during the fourth quarter does not provide "unusual circumstances" to waive the fine regarding that quarter's untimely filing.

16. In short, Appellant owed a fourth quarter compensation report and received clear notice of this requirement prior to the filing deadline. The reasons provided for the untimely filing of that report do not demonstrate an "uncommon, rare, or sudden" occurrence to justify waiving the fine. Because of this, we find Appellant has failed to demonstrate that its untimely filing of the fourth quarter executive branch compensation report resulted from "unusual circumstances," and we affirm the fine in this matter. That being said, we note that February 14, 2026, which was the date that the report was due, was a Saturday. Rule 28-106.013 of the Florida Administrative Code indicates that when an administrative agency is computing a period

of time in a matter subject to Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes, such as here, and if the deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the period of time will be extended until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Accordingly, the deadline for filing the report should have been extended to Monday, February 16, 2026, and, to reflect this, the fine must be reduced by \$100.²

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby affirms the assessed fine but modifies the amount to \$900.00.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on October 23, 2026.

Date Rendered

Jeremy M. Rodgers
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

² We note that Monday, February 16, 2026, was President's Day. However, Rule 28-106.013 states its use of the term "legal holiday" only extends to those days designated in Section 110.117, Florida Statutes, which does not include President's Day. For this reason, the fine began to accrue on February 17, 2026, and ran until March 6, 2026, when the compensation report was filed. The fine, which accrued at a rate of \$50 per day for this 18-day period, thereby totals \$950.

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.

Copies furnished to:

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Loxahatchee, FL 33412

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111 W. Madison Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4990

JMR/gps

Westberry, Diana

From: Schafer, Grayden
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2026 3:29 PM
To: Westberry, Diana
Subject: FW: Notice of Appeal Lobbyist Report Fines Legislative and Executive Inger Garcia, Esq.
Attachments: 4-3-26 ntc appeal executive lobbyist form late filing report.pdf; Yahoo Mail - Notification of Assessed Fine.pdf; Yahoo Mail - Notification of the Legislative Branch Assessed Fine2.pdf; 4-3-2026 filed Legislative Lobbyist Fine Waiver Request and Appeal (House).pdf

From: Murphy-Bunton, Karen <Murphy-Bunton.Karen@leg.state.fl.us>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2026 3:15 PM
To: Schafer, Grayden <SCHAFFER.GRAYDEN@leg.state.fl.us>; Zuilkowski, Steven <ZUULKOWSKI.STEVEN@leg.state.fl.us>
Cc: Stillman, Kerrie <STILLMAN.KERRIE@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: FW: Notice of Appeal Lobbyist Report Fines Legislative and Executive Inger Garcia, Esq.

Gray, Steve, and Kerrie:

The LRO received a timely appeal today related to Inger M. Garcia, Esq., late filing her 2025 Quarter 4 Executive Branch Compensation Report.

See the below email and attachments from Inger M Garcia appealing the Executive Branch \$1000 fine.

Inger M. Garcia, Esq. received their one-time fine waiver on November 18, 2024 for late filing its 2024 Quarter 3 Compensation Report.

Please contact me for any additional information.

From: Inger Garcia, Esq.
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2026 2:29 PM
To: Florida Lobbyist ; Inger Garcia ; LobbyistDisclosure@myfloridahouse.gov; COE-Disclosure ; Paralegal
Subject: Notice of Appeal Lobbyist Report Fines Legislative and Executive Inger Garcia, Esq.

Please find my 2 appeals and email notifications to waive the late fines and fees for the February 14, 2026 reports for Inger Garcia.

Please do NOT send emails to attorney@ingergarcia.com as it was hacked. If you previously sent emails there - I have not seen them. Please resend here. Thank you.

Please be advised that our office receives numerous e-mails on a daily basis. Your e-mail is very important to us and will be answered at our earliest convenience. If you hear no response within 72 hours, please follow up by telephone to confirm our office has received your e-mail.

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I remain,

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APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2024

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mailing Address: Commission on Ethics
P.O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

Physical Address: Commission on Ethics
325 John Knox Road
Building E, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Fax: (850) 488-3077

Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

PART A: YOUR INFORMATION

Name: Inger M. Garcia, Esq.

Address: 7040 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road Loxahatchee FL 33412
Unit 25, Box 43 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
(954) 451-2426 (954) 394-7461
Daytime Tel.: _____ Cell: _____
Email: serviceimglaw@yahoo.com Filer ID# (if known): _____
Public Employer: lobbyist self employed

Public Position: _____

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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. ☒ **Technological issue** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports your assertion that an issue with technology, such as an unexpected lack of access to the Internet or a power outage, prevented timely filing)
- c. ☐ **Left public position prior to December 31, 2024** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2024)
- d. ☒ **Other unusual circumstance** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing)
- e. ☐ **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. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages.

~~I timely on February 14, 2026 prepared and thought I filed both my reports. A hacker apparently prevented the filing and I was not aware it was not filed until I received a courtesy call and a copy of deficiency email. I timely file this appeal. I have not earned any income from lobbying to date.~~

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

4-3-26

/a/Inger Garcia, Esq.

DATE

SIGNATURE

Inger M. Garcia, Esq. - Firm Detail

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This report was submitted to the Lobbyist Registration Office on 3/6/2026 4:53:50 PM Eastern Time.

Reporting Period

October 01, 2025 - December 31, 2025 Executive Branch Lobbying

Firm Information

Inger M. Garcia, Esq.
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Unit #25, Box #43
Loxahatchee, Florida 33470
(954) 394-7461

Firm Lobbyist

Garcia, Inger M

Principals and Compensation

Principal	Information	Compensation
8 Media Publishing Inc.	200 Redpath Ave. PH04 Toronto Ontario M4P0E6 1-647-823-6629	\$0.00

Prime Contractor Firms

Prime Contractor Firm	Firm Information	Operating Principal	Principal Information

Total Compensation

Total Compensation: \$0.00

Certification

I hereby certify to the veracity and completeness of the information herein; that no reportable compensation has been omitted; and that no officer or employee of this lobbying firm has made an expenditure in violation of Section 112.3215, F.S.

Inger M Garcia, Owner

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Schafer, Grayden

From: Inger Garcia, Esq. <serviceimglaw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 1:37 PM
To: Schafer, Grayden
Cc: Murphy-Bunton, Karen
Subject: Re: Questions regarding appeal

See below.

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On Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 02:34:00 PM EDT, Schafer, Grayden wrote:

Ms. Garcia:

We spoke several weeks ago concerning your firm's appeal of the \$1,000 fine regarding its failure to timely file the executive branch lobbyist compensation report for the fourth quarter of 2025. At that time, you indicated you had received the questions that I had sent regarding your grounds for the appeal. I have not heard back from you, and am emailing to remind you about the questions.

I am including the questions below, and, if you would, please provide your answers in a written reply to this email. Once I receive your answers, I will be able to begin working on the appeal. And if you need to have any of these questions clarified, let me know.

1. Am I correct in understanding that you believe you prepared and filed the fourth quarter compensation report before 11:59 p.m. on February 14, 2026? Yes I absolutely prepared both reports before I walked out the door to go out of town. That same day, 2 filings I also did with the Florida eportal did not arrive.
2. You indicate in the appeal that a "hacker prevented the filing[.]" Please indicate your basis for believing your computer or accounts were hacked. Also, please describe the extent of the hacking, such as whether it affected all your email accounts—or only some—and the degree to which it has affected your computer. Without disclosing privilege, the hackers constantly attack and get through to different devices at different times. I constantly scan, use VPN, use professional services and do all I can - however, I can't stop them from trying constantly. I am hacked due to numerous high profile cases involving millions of dollars and they hack the clients also to get to the files.
3. Did the hacking also affect filings in other administrative or legal proceedings at that time? They have affected me greatly for years, changing dockets, altering my filings, logging into PACER and Florida eportal and even recently changed by mailing address to Canada for Broward County causing me not to receive pleadings. They also somehow hide emails so I miss hearings. They are relentless. I am vigilant and do all I can and I reported it to FBI and Palm Beach Sheriff.
4. Prior to the February 14, 2026, deadline, did you or a staff member receive either of the notices of your filing obligation emailed to your firm at "serviceimglaw@yahoo.com"? These notices would have been sent on January 1, 2026, and February 9, 2026, which were prior to the February 14, 2026 deadline. Yes I received notices and I complied. I knew this was important so I made it a point to comply.
5. The email containing your appeal indicates that the account of "attorney@ingergarcia.com" had been hacked, which is not the email account that you used to register for Executive Branch Lobbying. Did the hacking also affect your account at "serviceimglaw@yahoo.com," which is the email that you did use to register? Ingergarcia email is completely lost after years causing the loss of millions of emails. The service email is randomly attacked. I scan hourly, I use VPN, I have 2 step authentication. One of the hackers for sure is Gary Metz, a 7 time convicted felon who was the instigator of a major SEC case in federal court I have been litigating for 7 years. It recently settled but is still a problem. I have informed opposing counsel, clients, the Judge, the clerk, the FBI of this man and he will not stop.
6. Please explain how you became aware of the \$1,000 fine being appealed here. Was it through a phone conversation with a representative from the Lobbyist Registration Office? Had you received any prior voicemails from this Office regarding the tardy compensation report? Yes, I have spoken to your office numerous times, so I made sure to file these 2 reports timely as a result. I am filing the next report today also.
7. Once you received notice of the fine, did you immediately complete the compensation report in question? At that point, had the hacking issues been resolved? I refiled the reports as soon as I learned of the fine. I was honestly shocked and still very very concerned about these hackers punishing me to beat my clients. Every time a hack is even suspected, I deal with it - but as you know hacking is a serious issue. I am planning on retiring law soon and working full time in other fields including this field and this is simply a way the hacker is attempting to destroy my life and

my credibility. They are doing it to at least 5 of my clients who go through problems on a daily basis.

Thank you,
Gray Schafer
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Commission on Ethics
(850)-488-7864

Reminder to File Compensation Report Email

To: serviceimglaw@yahoo.com; Firm Detail
Subject: Reminder to File Compensation Report
Date Sent: 1/1/2026 6:00:19 AM
Body:

COMPENSATION REPORT FILING DEADLINE

Lobbying firms must file their Executive branch quarterly compensation report(s) electronically for the quarter October 01 - December 31, 2025, no later than 11:59 pm EST on 2/14/2026.

To access the electronic filing system, go to <https://floridalobbyist.gov/>. Log in with the user name and password you established previously. Follow each step to submit the report successfully.

A report not filed by the deadline is a late-filed report and subject to penalties under Section 112.3215(5)(d)1., Florida Statutes. The fine for failing to file a report timely is \$50 per day per report for each day the report is late up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Contact the Lobbyist Registration Office at (850) 922-4990 for further assistance.

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Second Reminder to File Compensation Report Email

To: serviceimglaw@yahoo.com; Firm Detail
Subject: Second Reminder to File Compensation Report
Date Sent: 2/9/2026 6:00:16 AM
Body:

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Failure to File Compensation Report Email and Courtesy Call Comments

To serviceimglaw@yahoo.com, Firm Detail
 Subject Notification of Failure to File Lobbying Firm Compensation Report
 Date Sent 2/15/2026 6:00:14 AM
 Body Inger M. Garcia, Esq.

Pursuant to Section 112.3215(5), F.S., each lobbying firm shall file a quarterly compensation report no later than 45 days after the end of each reporting period for which one or more of a firm's lobbyists were registered to represent a principal. Your firm received two courtesy notices of the deadline – the first on 01/01/2026 and the second on 02/09/2026. Your Executive quarterly compensation report, which was due on 2/14/2026, has not been received by the Lobbyist Registration Office.

Section 112.3215(5), F.S., requires that the Lobbyist Registration Office immediately notify the lobbying firm of its failure to file said report and that a fine is being assessed at \$50 per day per report for each late day.

Upon receipt of the quarterly compensation report, the Lobbyist Registration Office will notify you of the specific amount of the fine. Such fines must be paid to the Lobbyist Registration Office within 30 days after the Notification of Assessed Fine is electronically mailed to you unless an appeal is filed with the Office.

If you require further assistance, contact the Lobbyist Registration Office at (850) 922-4990 or help@floridalobbyist.gov.

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Comment	By	Date
Left a voicemail msg. the Legislative Branch & Executive Branch compensation reports for the lobbying firm Inger M. Garcia Esq have NOT been filed for the qtr Oct 1– Dec 31 of 2025. The filing deadline was Feb 14. Today's date is Mar 6. Please file the reports immediately. Do not hesitate to call the office for further assistance at 850-922-4990. We will be glad to help	ryan.patty	03/06/2026 4:29 pm
2:20 p.m. called 954-451-2426. Inger answered phone. Introduced self & reason for call. She said she sat down & filed Valentine's Day. Shared w/ her reports had not been received & are retained historically in her account & any in progress. She called it a license. Reiterated this is for the FL Leg in TLH & log in procedures. She was not at computer but will be tomorrow morning. Said she had been hacked & hoped no other corporate documents had been lost.	karenmb	03/05/2026 2:58 pm
Left message for Inger Garcia 954-394-7461 re: Inger M. Garcia, Esq. lobbying firm Executive & Legislative Branch Florida Compensation reports that were due February 14. There is a \$50 per day per report fine that is accruing & today is march 5. Log in to your lobbying firm account & be sure to file for both the executive branch & legislative branch compensation reports selecting calendar year 2025 Q4 which includes the months 10/1-12/31. Call 850-922-4990 for help.	karenmb	03/05/2026 2:16 pm
I called the firm at 11:08 AM. I did not leave a voicemail message. The hope is that Inger M. Garcia will SEE a missed call from "SENATE OFC OF" and call back.	ryan.patty	03/04/2026 3:22 pm
Called. Left detailed msg. w/ my name. Calling out of concern. Inger M. Garcia, Esq.'s Legislative Branch & the Executive Branch comp reports for the Qtr OCT 1– DEC 31 of 2025 have not been filed. The deadline was Feb 14. Fines are \$50 per day for each late day for EACH REPORT. File the reports ASAP. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to call the LRO at 850.922.4990. We're available 7:30am–5:30pm M-F. It's Feb 27 at 3:35pm.	ryan.patty	02/27/2026 4:04 pm
Called 954-451-2426. Recording indicated "FL Litigation Group-I will call you back (Text message optional)." Calling out of concern re your lobbying firm Executive & Legislative Branch FL Compensation reports that were due 02/14. Fines are accruing. Log in to your lobbying firm account & file for both the exec & leg branch comp reports selecting CY 2025 Q4 which includes the months 10/1-12/31. Call for assistance.	karenmb	02/26/2026 9:42 am
Called 954-394-7461 & LM. This is Karen the COE Exec Branch FL LRO Registrar calling out of concern re your lobbying firm Executive & Legislative Branch FL Compensation reports that were due 02/14. Fines accrue at \$50 per day, per report & today is February 26. Similar courtesy messages have been left. Log in to your lobbying firm account & file for both the exec & leg branch comp reports selecting CY 2025 Q4 which includes the months 10/1-12/31. Call for assistance.	karenmb	02/26/2026 9:23 am
4:00PM. Called the firm at 954-394-7461. Left a detailed message: Feb 14 was the deadline to file Legislative and Executive Branch comp reports for last year 2025 for the Quarter Oct 1 - Dec 31. The firm's reports are outstanding. Today's date is Feb 20. PLEASE FILE THE REPORTS ASAP. The penalty for failure to file timely is \$50 per day for each late day PER report. Do not hesitate to call LRO for assistance at 850-922-4990.	ryan.patty	02/20/2026 5:41 pm
LM for Inger Garcia 954-451-2426. This is Karen with the FL LRO calling out of concern regarding Inger M. Garcia's lobbying firm Executive & Legislative Branch FL Compensation reports that were due 02/14. A similar message was left on 02/17 on an alternate number. Log in to your lobbying firm account & be sure to file for both the executive branch & legislative branch compensation reports selecting CY 2025 Q4 which includes the months 10/1-12/31. Call with questions.	karenmb	02/19/2026 2:05 pm
Left courtesy message for Inger Garcia 954-394-7461 re: Inger M. Garcia, Esq. lobbying firm Executive & Legislative Branch Florida Compensation reports that were due February 14. There is a \$50 per day, per report fine that is accruing & today is February 17. Log in to your lobbying firm account & be sure to file for both the executive branch & legislative branch compensation reports selecting calendar year 2025 Q4 which includes the months 10/1-12/31. Call w/ questions.	karenmb	02/17/2026 2:35 pm

Notification of Assessed Fine Email and Courtesy Call Comment

To: serviceimglaw@yahoo.com, Firm Detail
Subject: Notification of Assessed Fine
Date Sent: 3/6/2026 4:53:50 PM
Body:

Your Executive branch quarterly compensation report, due on 02/14/2026, was not filed until 3/6/2026. According to Section 112.3215(5)(d)1, F.S., you are assessed a fine of \$50 per day for each day the report was late. Your lobbying firm is fined in the amount of \$1,000.00, which is \$50 per day per report for each late day of 20 days.

Pursuant to Section 112.3215(5)(d)3, F.S., such fine must be paid within 30 days of this Notification of Assessed Fine being electronically mailed to you, unless appeal is made to the Lobbyist Registration Office. Payment may be submitted electronically by MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express. Click on the arrow next to Firm option at the top of your firm page. Select the fines option then proceed to pay by credit card or print an invoice and mail with a check to the LRO.

Section 112.3215(5)(d)5, F.S., provides that a lobbying firm may appeal or dispute a fine based upon circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the Commission on Ethics. Any such request must be made within 30 days of this Notification of Assessed Fine being electronically mailed to you. The lobbying firm shall notify this Office of his or her intention to request a hearing. A failure to timely file such notice will constitute a waiver of the right of appeal. The notice of appeal and/or request for hearing should be sent to:

Lobbyist Registration Office
111 West Madison Street
Pepper Building, G68
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 922-4590

If the fine is not paid or appealed within the 30-day time period, pursuant to Section 112.3215(5)(d)6, F.S., all registrations of lobbyists who are partners, owners, officers or employees of the lobbying firm that fails to timely pay a fine are automatically suspended until the fine is paid or waived, and the Office shall promptly notify all affected principals of each suspension.

Do not reply to this email as it is generated automatically and electronically and cannot accept electronic replies.

Comment

11/11 a.m. called 954-394-7461 & spoke to Inger Garcia. She's aware \$2000 fine is due 4/5. Mentioned she is retiring from law & an interest in filing an appeal b/c she is in a major trial & does not have the money. Brought her to requirements 112.3215 (Exec) & 11.045 (Leg). Must send 2 separate appeal requests by 4/5 w/ unusual circumstances. She received 3/6 Leg Assessed Fine at 4:50 p.m. & Exec Assessed Fine at 4:53 p.m. w/ appeal instructions.

By	Date
karenmb	03/30/2026 1:58 pm