EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TO: Members, Commission on Ethics

FROM: Virlinda Doss  Yönetici Direktör
       Executive Director

DATE: March 25, 2019

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ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued one advisory opinion in March. It has rendered 2,647 opinions since its inception in 1974.

LITIGATION

Javoney D. Roberts v. Florida Commission on Ethics, 1D18-3488.
Roberts, an inmate appearing pro se, appealed the Second Judicial Circuit's order denying his Petition for Writ of Mandamus, which sought to compel the Executive Director to log his complaint in for investigation, notwithstanding that it was not on a complaint form, failed to allege elements of misuse of public position, and alleged conduct outside the statute of limitations. The appeal was dismissed on March 20 because Roberts failed to comply with an order to file his Initial Brief by a certain date.
Gray Schafer handled this appeal.

Marcos Villanueva v. Florida Commission on Ethics, 1D19-0089.
Villanueva, a member of the City Commission of the City of Sweetwater and a former candidate for the City Commission, is appealing the Commission's Final Order rendered on December 12, 2018. The order found that Mr. Villanueva violated Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, and recommended a civil penalty of $500 and public censure and reprimand. Appellant's initial brief was originally due by March 18, but the due date has been extended through to and including April 17.
Deanna Rahming and Chris Anderson are handling this appeal.

FINANCES

As of February 28, we've spent $1,620,652.94 (63.8%) of our appropriation with 66.67% of the FY gone.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / PUBLICATIONS / HONORS

Gray presented at the General Counsels' monthly luncheon in Tallahassee on March 21. Kerrie will speak at the Florida Counties Foundation's Legislative Day Workshop, in Tallahassee on March 26. Chris will be presenting on May 9, in Orlando, at the 2019 Certification Exam Review Course sponsored by the City, County, and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar.
PENDING ORDERS IMPOSING PENALTIES

GOVERNOR
Comp. No. 15-178, In re Michael S. Murphy (Final Order 08/03/16).
Comp. No. 17-108, In re Joel Davis (Final Order 06/13/18).
Comp. No. 17-088, In re Cheryl Thomas-Hughes (Final Order 12/12/18).
Comp. Nos. 16-072, 16-079, and 17-017 (cons.), In re Shane Crawford (Final Order 12/12/18).
Comp. Nos. 16-113 and 17-016 (cons.), In re Ricky Thompson (Final Order 12/12/18).
Comp. No. 17-050, In re Jere Stambaugh (Final Order 12/12/18).
Comp. No. 17-055, In re Marcos Villanueva (Final Order 12/12/18) (pending appeal).
Comp. No. 17-013, In re Nancy Oakley (Final Order 01/30/19).
Comp. No. 17-123, In re Derryl O'Neal (Final Order 01/30/19).
Comp. No. 16-192, In re Elliot Cohen (Final Order 03/13/19).
Comp. No. 17-053, In re Richard B. Romanoff, Jr. (Final Order 03/13/19).
Comp. No. 17-106, In re Ricardo "Ric" Fernandez (Final Order 03/13/19).
Comp. No. 18-140, In re Alfredo Santamaria (Final Order 03/13/19).

HOUSE
Comp. Nos. 10-157 and 10-182 (cons.), In re David Rivera (Final Order 04/17/15, Mandate
Issued 08/26/16, Pet. for Review Denied by Fla. S. Ct. 12/06/16).
Comp. No. 18-026, In re Kim Daniels (Final Order 01/30/19).

PENDING ACTION ON STATUTORILY-GENERATED LOBBYING FIRM AUDIT
MATTERS (GOVERNOR AND CABINET)

Comp. No. 16-017, In re Dean Mead (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
Comp. No. 16-018, In re Buigas and Associates (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
Comp. No. 16-019, In re DDarling Consulting (Probable Cause 01/27/17).
Comp. No. 16-174, In re Kathy Till and Associates, Inc., (Probable Cause 08/02/17).
Comp. No. 16-173, In re Johnson Strategies, LLC (Probable Cause 1213/17)
Comp. No. 16-175, In re Sayzie Law Firm (Probable Cause 10/25/17).
Comp. No. 17-132, In re Andrew J. Liles (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
Comp. No. 17-134, In re Lester Abberger (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
Comp. No. 17-135, In re Pruitt and Associates (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
Comp. No. 17-136, In re Wilson and Associates, LLC (Probable Cause 08/01/18).
Comp. No. 17-137, In re TC Wolfe (Probable Cause 08/01/18).