EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TO: Members, Commission on Ethics

FROM: Chris Anderson  
Executive Director

DATE: February 19, 2020

ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued one advisory opinion in January. It has rendered 2,668 opinions since its inception in 1974.

LITIGATION

Wanda Range v. State of Florida, Commission on Ethics, First District Court of Appeal  
Case No 1D20-0489.

Range, the Mayor and a member of the City Council of the City of Midway, is appealing the Commission's Final Order rendered on January 29, 2020. The order found that Ms. Range violated the anti-nepotism statute, Section 112.3135, Florida Statutes, and recommended a civil penalty of $1,500 and public censure and reprimand. The Appellant has filed a Notice of Appeal and Appellant's initial brief is due April 23, 2020.

Steve Zuilkowski and Melody Hadley are handling this appeal.

FINANCES

As of January 31, we've spent $1,340,517.17 (51.63%) of our appropriation with 58.33% of the FY gone.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / PUBLICATIONS / HONORS

On January 28, Caroline gave two forty-minute lectures at the Florida Public Pension Trustees Association's conference in Orlando. On January 31, in Tallahassee, Gray and Caroline delivered a two-hour training to the Property Appraisers Association of Florida. On January 27, Kerrie presented two sessions for the Department of Revenue: the Tax Collectors' Continuing Education Course and the Duties & Responsibilities of Florida Tax Collectors course; on January 28, in Tallahassee, she spoke to County Commissioners at the 2020 Ethics, Public Records, and Sunshine Laws Course, put on by the Florida Association of Counties. Steve, Caroline, and Gray will be speaking at The Florida Bar's annual Sunshine Law, Public Records, and Ethics seminar, on February 28 in Orlando.
PENALTIES IMPOSED

The Governor has imposed the penalties recommended by the Commission in the following matters:

Comp. Nos. 16-072, 16-079, and 17-017 (cons.), In re Shane Crawford.
Comp. Nos. 16-113 and 17-016 (cons.), In re Ricky Thompson.
Comp. No. 17-050, In re Jere Stambaugh.
Comp. No. 17-055, In re Marcos Villanueva.
Comp. No. 17-123, In re Derryl O'Neal.
Comp. No. 16-192, In re Elliot Cohen.
Comp. No. 17-053, In re Richard B. Romanoff, Jr.
Comp. No. 17-106, In re Ricardo "Ric" Fernandez.
Comp. No. 18-140, In re Alfredo Santamaria.
Comp. No. 16-061, In re Janet McDonald.
Comp. Nos. 17-115, 18-064, 18-075, and 18-079 (cons.), In re Samuel Stevens.
Comp. No. 17-146, In re Andrew Gillum.
Comp. No. 18-061, In re Thomas McQueen.
Comp. Nos. 18-108 and 18-119 (cons.), In re Josh Santos.

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. No. 17-013, In re Nancy Oakley (Final Order 01/30/19).
Comp. No. 17-178, In re Charles C. Pesano (Final Order 07/31/19).
Comp. Nos. 18-106 and 18-117, In re William Kruse (Final Order 07/31/19).
Comp. Nos. 18-107 and 18-118, In re Barbara H. Brooke (Final Order 07/31/19).
Comp. Nos. 18-111 and 18-122, In re Jared B. Reddick (Final Order 07/31/19).
Referral No. 15-002R, In re Matt Shirk (Final Order 09/18/19).
Complaint No. 17-064, In re Catherine Drew (Final Order 09/18/19).
Complaint No. 18-128, In re Adam Pollack (Final Order 09/18/19).
Complaint No. 18-134, In re Robert M. Lange (Final Order 09/18/19).
Complaint No. 18-170, In re Bruce Greenlee (Final Order 09/18/19).
Complaint No. 16-062, In re Dennis McDonald (Final Order 10/30/19).
Complaint Nos. 17-113, 17-127, 18-034, 18-076, and 18-080 (cons.), In re Wanda Range (Final Order 01/29/20), on appeal to First DCA.

HOUSE
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 Saybie 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).
Comp. No. 19-031, In re Impact GR (Probable Cause 09/18/19).