

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**TO: Members
Commission on Ethics**

**FROM: Virlindia Doss
Executive Director**



DATE: October 3, 2017

ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued two advisory opinions in July. It has rendered a total of 2615 opinions since its inception in 1974.

LITIGATION

Stephan Carter v. Commission on Ethics, 5D17-1411

This is an appeal to the 5th DCA of the Commission's Final Order rendered March 15, 2017, and finding that Mr. Carter violated Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes. The briefs have been filed, and the Appellant has requested oral argument.

Buff Miller is handling this appeal.

Robert K. Robinson v. Commission on Ethics, 1D17-2187

This is an appeal of the Commission's Final Order rendered April 26, 2017, and finding that Mr. Robinson violated Sections 112.313(6) and (16)(c), Florida Statutes. The Initial Brief was filed in this matter on August 17, 2017, and the Appellant has requested oral argument. The Commission's Answer Brief was filed on September 6, 2017.

Caroline Klancke is handling this appeal.

Milton West v. Florida Commission on Ethics, 5D17-2076

This is an appeal of the Commission's Final Order rendered June 14, 2017 and finding that Mr. West violated Section 112.313(7), Florida Statutes. Appellant's Initial Brief was filed on September 25, 2017.

Caroline Klancke is handling this appeal.

FINANCES

As of August 31, we have spent 16.59% (\$415,695.90) of our budget, with 16.67% of the FY gone.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / PUBLICATIONS / HONORS

Chris spoke in Sarasota on August 18 for the Florida School Board Attorneys Association. On October 10, Kerrie will be conducting two training sessions for Escambia County officials and employees. Betsy will be in Marianna on October 6 conducting training for City of Marianna officers and employees, and Caroline will be delivering two trainings (an 80-minute lecture in the morning and a 40-minute lecture in the afternoon) to the Florida Pension Plan Trustees Association on October 10, 2017, in Tampa.

PENDING ORDERS IMPOSING PENALTIES

GOVERNOR

Comp. No. 15-178, In re Michael S. Murphy (Final Order 08/03/16).
Comp. No. 15-088, In re Stephan Carter (Final Order 03/15/17) (pending appeal).
Comp. No. 14-167, In re Robert K. Robinson (Final Order 04/26/17) (pending appeal).
Comp. No. 16-032, In re Milton West (Final Order 06/14/17) (pending appeal).
Comp. No. 16-196, In re Jeffrey "Doc" Solomon (Final Order 06/14/17).

SENATE

Comp. Nos. 10-164, 168, 169, and 172, cons., In re Jim Norman (Final Order 04/04/12).

HOUSE

Comp. No. 11-045, In re Adam Hasner (Final Order 07/14/11).
Comp. Nos. 10-157 and 10-182, cons., In re David Rivera (Final Order 04/17/15).

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, Kathy Till and associates, Inc., (Probable Cause 08/02/17).