EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TO:     Members, Commission on Ethics

FROM:   Chris Anderson
        Executive Director

DATE:   October 9, 2019

ADVISORY OPINIONS

The Commission on Ethics issued four advisory opinions in September. It has rendered 2,658 opinions since its inception in 1974.

LITIGATION

Marcos Villanueva v. Florida Commission on Ethics, First District Court of Appeal Case No. 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 the financial disclosure statute, Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, and recommended a civil penalty of $500 and public censure and reprimand. All briefs have been filed.

FINANCES

As of September 30, we've spent $526,685.96 (20.52%) of our appropriation with 25% of the FY gone.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / PUBLICATIONS / HONORS

On October 9, in Bartow, Caroline provided statutory ethics training to the Tenth Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office.

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).
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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).
Comp. No. 16-061, In re Janet McDonald (Final Order 06/12/19).
Comp. Nos. 17-115, 18-064, 18-075, and 18-079 (cons.), In re Samuel Stevens (Final Order 06/12/19).
Comp. No. 17-146, In re Andrew Gillum (Final Order 06/12/19).
Comp. No. 18-061, In re Thomas McQueen (Final Order 06/12/19).
Comp. Nos. 18-108 and 18-119 (cons.), In re Josh Santos (Final Order 06/12/19).
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).

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 12/13/17)
Comp. No. 16-175, In re Sayfie 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).