BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re ARTHUR FRANK BROWN Appellant.	Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 22-086 Final Order No. XXX

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on December 4, 2026, on the appeal of Appellant, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f)) which assesses an automatic fine of $25 per day on a person who fails to timely file a required CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. 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 date. There are no matters in dispute. Appellant did not request a hearing.

Findings of Fact

1. According to information provided to the Commission, Appellant served as an Assistant State Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, a position requiring the filing of a 2021 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. In 2022, the designated due date for submitting a 2021 CE Form 1 was July 1, 2022, with a grace period ending on September 1, 2022.

2. No later than June 1, 2022, the Commission on Ethics sent Appellant a 2021 CE Form 1.

3. No later than August 1, 2022, the Commission on Ethics sent Appellant a notice of delinquency by certified mail. This was sent to Appellant at PO Box 1000, Bradenton FL 34206-1000. Records indicate this mailing was signed for by someone other than Appellant.

4. On September 13, 2022, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a courtesy notice of fines accruing. This notice was sent to Appellant at the PO Box 1000 address.

5. On September 23, 2022, Appellant submitted his 2021 CE Form 1.

6. On March 22, 2024, the Commission mailed Appellant a Notice of Assessed Fine. The notice was sent by certified mail to Appellant at 1112 Manatee Avenue West FL 6, Bradenton, FL 34209. It indicated the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine was $550 ($25 per day for 22 days late) and provided that the Commission must receive an appeal of the fine by April 22, 2024.

7. On April 9, 2024, the Commission also received Appellant's appeal of his automatic fine for Form Year 2021. In his appeal, Appellant wrote that he entered mandatory retirement on June 30, 2022. Appellant explained that his address was c/o the State Attorney's Office, so he received his forms courtesy of his Human Resources Department. However, Appellant noted that at the time of his retirement, the Human Resources Department was undergoing a personnel change. Appellant also explained that he was required to be out-of-state in July 2022 due to family matters, and that he did not find out about his filing requirement until well after his return when he was notified by the State Attorney's Office. Appellant also pointed to his history of filing the Form on time for decades.

Conclusions of Law

8. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

9. Financial disclosure is required of public officials and employees because it enables the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government.

10. Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes, (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f)(2)) states:

> Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the person designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "unusual circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an e-mail account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail address.

11. Pursuant to Rule 34-8.215(4), F.A.C., "unusual circumstances" means uncommon, rare or sudden events over which the reporting individual had 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.

12. Here, Appellant explained that he received his mail from the Human Resources Department at his Office, which, at the time, was undergoing personnel changes. Appellant also noted that he retired in June 2022, and was out-of-state during July 2022. Appellant stated that he did not become aware of his filing requirement until well after his return. Appellant also pointed to his past record of timely filing the Form. Commission records dating back to the 2009 Form Year indeed show that Appellant never filed the Form 1 after the expiration of the grace period (outside of the 2021 Form Year, which is the subject of this appeal), and has also timely filed ever since. Considering Appellant's claims, and that there is no evidence showing otherwise, there are

"unusual circumstances" here that prevented the timely filing of the financial disclosure form that justify waiving the $550 fine.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby finds that unusual circumstances for failure to timely file have been demonstrated. We therefore waive the assessed fine of $550.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on December 4, 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 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.

JMR: aln

Arthur Brown
1112 Manatee Ave W Floor 6
Bradenton, Fl 34205-7804

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Arthur Brown
Assistant State Attorney
1112 Manatee Avenue West
6th Floor
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 209-9422

April 3,2024

Florida Commission on Ethics
P.O. Drawer 15079
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

In re: PID#26767

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in receipt of your letter advising that I am to be fined $550.00 for the late filing of my financial disclosure form. I wish you to consider the following in my appeal of this penalty: I was employed as an Assistant State Attorney in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit from November of 1986 through March 31, 1990. I resumed my employment as an Assistant State Attorney in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit on February 1,1991. I maintained that employment until my mandatory retirement on June 30,2022. In all those years, I faithfully and timely filed my financial disclosure forms. In all those years, since my address was c/o the State Attorney's Office, I received the forms courtesy of our Human Resources Department. At the time of my retirement our Human Resources Department was undergoing a personnel change of the Director. I do not know if that is the reason but I never received a financial disclosure form prior to my last day of June 30,2022. Family matters required my being out of the state of Florida in July of 2022 and it was not until well after I returned that I was notified by the State Attorney's Office that I needed to fill out the form, which I did even though I was retired at the time. My failure to file the form was neither knowing or willful but simply a product of my failure to receive the form prior to my retirement and a lack of awareness that my disclosure obligations extended beyond the date of my retirement. Based on my long term and spotless record in appropriately filing disclosure forms, and the lack of any willful failure on my part to file the form prior to September of 2022, I am requesting that the assessed penalty be waived. I submit that the above certainly constitute "uncommon, rare, or sudden events," given my prior record in properly filing the aforesaid forms.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Arthur Brown

FORM 1 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS 2021

Please print or type your name, mailing address, agency name, and position below:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS
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LAST NAME – FIRST NAME – MIDDLE NAME:
BROWN III, ARTHUR FRANK

MAILING ADDRESS:
1112 MANATEE AVENUE WEST, 6th FLOOR

CITY: BRADENTON ZIP: 34209 COUNTY: MANATEE

NAME OF AGENCY:
STATE ATTORNEY, 12TH CIRCUIT

NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT:
ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY

CHECK ONLY IF ☐ CANDIDATE OR ☐ NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

****** THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED ******

DISCLOSURE PERIOD:
THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTERESTS:
FILERS HAVE THE OPTION OF USING REPORTING THRESHOLDS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE DOLLAR VALUES, WHICH REQUIRES FEWER CALCULATIONS, OR USING COMPARATIVE THRESHOLDS, WHICH ARE USUALLY BASED ON PERCENTAGE VALUES (see instructions for further details). CHECK THE ONE YOU ARE USING (must check one):

☒ **COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS** OR ☐ **DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS**

PART A – PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major sources of income to the reporting person - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME	SOURCE'S ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY
☒ N/A		

PART B – SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME
[Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE
N/A			

PART C – REAL PROPERTY [Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

N/A

You are not limited to the space on the lines on this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

***FILING INSTRUCTIONS* for when and where to file this form are located at the bottom of page 2.**

INSTRUCTIONS on who must file *this form and how to fill it out* begin on page 3.

PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY [Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

TYPE OF INTANGIBLE	BUSINESS ENTITY TO WHICH THE PROPERTY RELATES
Shares Common Stock	ExxonMobil,IBM,Linde PLC,McDonald's,Pfizer,
	Viatris Inc.,Yum Brands Inc, Yum China Holdings

PART E — LIABILITIES [Major debts - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF CREDITOR	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR
N/A	

PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES [Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses - See instructions]
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

	BUSINESS ENTITY # 1	BUSINESS ENTITY # 2
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY N/A		
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY		
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY		
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY		
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS		
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST		

PART G — TRAINING ***For elected municipal officers, appointed school superintendents, and commissioners of a community redevelopment*** agency created under Part III, Chapter 163 required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S.

☐ **I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.**

IF ANY OF PARTS A THROUGH G ARE CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE ☐

SIGNATURE OF FILER:

Signature: Attn: Frank Bruno III

Date Signed: 9/15/22

CPA or ATTORNEY SIGNATURE ONLY

If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or she must complete the following statement:

I, _____, prepared the CE Form 1 in accordance with Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.

CPA/Attorney Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

If you were mailed the form by the Commission on Ethics or a County Supervisor of Elections for your annual disclosure filing, return the form to that location. To determine what category your position falls under, see page 3 of instructions.

Local officers/employees file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside. (If you do not permanently reside in Florida, file with the Supervisor of the county where your agency has its headquarters.) Form 1 filers who file with the Supervisor of Elections may file by mail or email. Contact your Supervisor of Elections for the mailing address or email address to use. Do not email your form to the Commission on Ethics, it will be returned.

State officers or ***specified state employees*** who file with the Commission on Ethics may file by mail or email. To file by mail, send the completed form to P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. To file with the Commission by email, scan your completed form and any attachments as a pdf (do not use any other format), send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us and retain a copy for your records. Do not file by both mail and email. Choose only one filing method. Form 6s will not be accepted via email.

Candidates file this form together with their filing papers.

MULTIPLE FILING UNNECESSARY: A candidate who files a Form 1 with a qualifying officer is not required to file with the Commission or Supervisor of Elections.

WHEN TO FILE: ***Initially***, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file ***within 30 days*** of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.

Candidates must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

Thereafter, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

Finally, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2021.

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August 1, 2022

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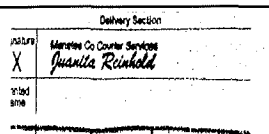

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Bradenton, FL 34206-1000
2021

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re **Arthur Franklin Brown** **PID#: 26767**
Assistant State Attorney
Employees
State Attorney; 12Th Circuit

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE

The Commission on Ethics hereby gives notice of an assessment of a fine against you pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2021 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2021 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2022. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 1, 2022. After that date, you accrued fines of $25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2021 CE Form 1 was filed September 23, 2022 with the Commission on Ethics, you are fined the amount of $550.00 ($25.00 per day for 22 day(s) late). This fine must be paid to the Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date of this notice unless you appeal the fine to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to consider the appeal and waive the fine in whole or in part if your failure to file on time was due to "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file.

HOW TO APPEAL

1. Read these instructions carefully before submitting your appeal.
2. **LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Appeals are governed by Section 112.3145(8)(f)2., Florida Statutes, and Commission Rule 34-8.215, Florida Administrative Code.
3. **FORMAT:** Your appeal must be in writing and mailed to Florida Commission on Ethics, P. O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, or delivered to Florida Commission on Ethics, 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. The appeal may take the form of a letter or you may use the appeal form included in this mailing. The appeal form also is available at the Commission's website: www.ethics.state.fl.us. Click on "Financial Disclosure" and then the link to the sample appeal form.
4. **DUE DATE:** Your appeal must be received by the Commission on Ethics on or before **April 22, 2024.** NOTE: Failure to timely file an appeal will constitute a waiver of your right to appeal and will result in the entry of a default order against you.
5. **UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** An appeal must demonstrate that you submitted your CE Form 1 after the extended due date because of "unusual circumstances." "Unusual circumstances" is defined in Commission Rule 34-8.215(4), Florida Administrative Code, as "uncommon, rare, or sudden events over which the reporting individual had no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements." Therefore, circumstances that allowed for time to take steps necessary to file on time do not constitute "unusual circumstances" that will allow the Commission to waive the fine. You have the burden to establish "unusual circumstances." Your appeal must specifically state the circumstances that led to your not filing by September 1, 2022, and must include any documentation or evidence supporting your appeal, such as:
   a. **SICKNESS/INJURY:** a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of the illness or injury;
   b. **LACK OF NOTICE (WRONG ADDRESS):** documentation that you did not reside at the address to which notice was sent;
   c. **LACK OF NOTICE (ABSENCE FROM HOME):** documentation establishing the period of time of your absence covering the notification period;

d. **CLAIM OF TIMELY FILING OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:** (1) an affidavit from you attesting under oath or affirmation that you filed your financial disclosure and your recollection of when and how you filed and (2) a copy of a certified mail receipt and/or a copy of the completed form which was filed. If you have witnesses to your filing, we also will need an affidavit from each witness. NOTE: A claim of having filed the CE Form 1F for the current year does not satisfy the CE Form 1 filing requirement or excuse a late filing;

e. **LEFT PUBLIC POSITION BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2021:** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2021; or

f. **UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL:** if deliquency notice was addressed correctly but not received, you must explain why.

6. **YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING:** You have the right to have your appeal heard by the Commission and to appear before the Commission at the hearing, but, to exercise this right, you must specifically request a hearing in your appeal. If you do not request a hearing, you will waive your right to a hearing, the Commission will determine the outcome of your appeal based upon the written record (including the documentation you provide and any documentation in your case file), and you will receive no further notice until after the Commission decides your appeal.

FAILURE TO PAY FINE OR FILE APPEAL WITHIN 30 DAYS

If you do not timely file an appeal or pay the assessed fine within 30 days of this Notice, a default order will be entered against you and the Commission will take the steps provided by law to collect the fine, including:

- Referral to the CFO of the Department of Financial Services, if you are a salaried state officer or employee, for withholding of a portion of you salary until the fine is satisfied; or
- Referral to your agency's governing body for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied;
- Referral to a collection agency, which can seek garnishment of your wages; and/or
- An additional civil penalty, not limited by this automatic fine, may be imposed if your disclosure statement is filed more than 60 days late and a complaint is filed against you pursuant to Section 112.324, Florida Statutes.

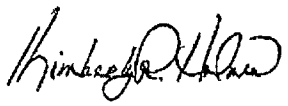
Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

Arthur Franklin Brown III
1112 Manatee Avenue West FL 6
Bradenton, FL 34209

by Certified Mail on this Friday, March 22, 2024.



KIMBERLY R. HOLMES
Program Administrator

Florida Commission on Ethics
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Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

-or-

Florida Commission on Ethics
325 John Knox Road, Building E, Ste. 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303

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Fax: (850) 488-3077
Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

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COMMISSION ON ETHICS
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1112 MANATEE AVE W FL 6
BRADENTON, FL 34205-7804

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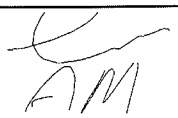
Recipient Signature

Signature of Recipient:



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Bradenton, FL 34205-7804

Form Year 2021 Filed Forms

FORM TYPE	DATE SUBMITTED	FORM SIGNED	FILED BY EMAIL?	UPDATED BY	COMMENTS
Form 1	09/23/2022	No	No	Keyana Green	

Fine Year 2022 Fine Information

FINE BALANCE	STATUS	FINE DATE	ORIGINAL FINE AMOUNT	ADJUSTED FINE AMOUNT	LAST PAYMENT DATE	PAYMENT PLAN START DATE	PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT	TOTAL PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT DUE
$550.00	Appeal	11/13/2023	$550.00	$550.00				

Fine Address: 1112 MANATEE AVE W, BRADENTON, FL 34205-7804
Email: AFBROWN@SAO12.ORG
Org/Suborg: State Attorney; 12Th Circuit - Employees

Fine Year 2022 Appeal Information

2022 FINE APPEAL - FD 22-086	No Hearing Scheduled
APPEAL STATUS	Active
APPEAL RECEIPT DATE	04/09/2024
APPEAL TIMELY FILED	Yes
PRINT APPEAL LETTER	
HEARING REQUESTED	No
APPEAL REASON	Other, Left Public Position
APPEAL NOTES	
APPEAL NUMBER	FD 22-086
APPEAL ANALYST ASSIGNED	
FINAL ORDER NUMBER	
FINAL ORDER DATE	

Fine Year 2022 Payment Information

DATE POSTED	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	METHOD	PAYMENT ID	COMMENT
11/13/2023	Fine Levied	+$550.00			Fined $550.00

Current Balance: $550.00

Fine Year 2022 Event Chronology

DATE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS/EMAIL	REFERENCE
09/01/2022	Filer Communication Email	Good afternoon, Mr. Brown: Earlier this year, you were notified of your obligation to file your CE		admin system
09/13/2022	Filer Correspondence: Letter	Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing	PO Box 1000, Bradenton, FL 34206 afbrown@sao12.org	KimberlyHolmes

11/13/2023	Fine Levied	Fined $550.00		Journal: Fine_COE_2023-11-13-12:50
03/22/2024	Filer Correspondence: Letter	Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter	1112 Manatee Avenue West Floor 6, Bradenton, FL 34209 afbrown@sao12.org	Correspondence Queue: 2024-03-22 00:00:00 Correspondence Sent: 2024-03-22 00:00:00.0000000
03/22/2024	Notice of Assessed Fine	Initial Fine Notice		Journal: Fine1st_2024-03-22-11:24
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September 24, 2025

RE: In re ARTHUR FRANK BROWN JD 26767, Financial Disclosure Appeal No.: FD 22-086

The Commission has received your appeal. We will send all subsequent correspondence in this matter to you at the email address on record and/or mailing address unless you notify us of a change in your address.

The following information is to help you understand the process your appeal will follow. Please note: If you are currently being investigated for willfully failing to file financial disclosure, your appeal may not be heard until that process is complete. If we received your appeal more than 30 days after we sent you the notice of your right to appeal, it may be denied on that basis. Otherwise, the following will apply:

Initially, Commission staff will review your appeal and any documentation you submitted. We may contact you for more information. A draft order will then be prepared and agendaed for a Commission meeting. The Commission meets approximately every six weeks. How soon your appeal will be heard depends on a number of things, including when it was received and the Commission's workload. If you requested a hearing before the Commission when you filed your appeal, you will be provided with a copy of the draft order and will be notified of the date and time at which your appeal will be heard. At this meeting, the Commission will rule on your appeal. A final order will be entered and provided to you, usually within a week of the Commission meeting. If the fine is not waived, we will consider flexible payment options.

If you have any questions about this appeal or the appeal process, please feel free to contact Kimberly R Holmes, Program Administrator, at (850) 488-7864.

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FINAL NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests

May 01, 2025

In re: ARTHUR FRANK BROWN JD 26767
ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY
State Attorney; 12Th Circuit
Employees

On March 22, 2024, we notified you that your Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year 2021 was filed 22 day(s) late and that you therefore have been assessed a fine of $25.00 per day, for a total fine of $550.00. At that time, you were advised that you had 30 days from the date that letter was transmitted in which to either pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Commission on Ethics.

It has been more than 30 days since we sent you the notification, and you have neither paid the fine nor filed an appeal. By not responding, you have waived your right to appeal the assessed fine.

If you do not pay the assessed fine by May 31, 2025 (30 days from the date of this letter) or contact our office to make arrangements for payment of the fine, the Commission on Ethics will enter an order setting your fine at $550.00 and will utilize all methods allowed by law to collect this fine including referral to a collection agency which can seek to garnish your wages.

Payment arrangements can be made by contacting the Commission's Financial Disclosure Program Administrator, Kimberly R Holmes at (850) 488-7864 or (800) 262-8824.

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