

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re SARAH JOHNSTON,

Appellant.

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Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 20-033

Final Order No.

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics (Commission), meeting in public session on January 21, 2022, on the timely appeal of Appellant, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, 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 has not requested a hearing before the Commission.

Findings of Fact

1. According to information provided to the Commission, the Appellant served as the City Attorney for North Miami Beach, a position that requires the filing of a CE Form 1, "Statement of Financial Interests," for the year 2019. In 2020, the designated due date for submitting a 2019 CE Form 1 annual filing was July 1, 2020, with a grace period ending on September 1, 2020.

2. On March 19, 2020, the Appellant resigned from her public position in Aventura and relocated to Tampa.

3. On May 29, 2020, the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections mailed a 2019 CE Form 1 to the Appellant's address on file, 3001 NE 185th St., Apartment 538, Aventura, FL 33180-3346. The same Form 1 was also circulated in the Appellant's office via email.<sup>1</sup>

4. On July 31, 2020, the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections mailed a second 2019 CE Form 1 to the Appellant's new address, 3409 W Horatio St., Unit 112, Tampa, FL 33609-3980.

5. On August 27, 2020, the Commission notified the Appellant of her obligation to file a CE Form 1 for the year 2019. This notification was sent to the Appellant via her public email and was returned as 'undeliverable.' On the same day, the Commission sent the same notification to the Appellant's private email address.

6. On September 9, 2020, the Commission sent the Appellant a courtesy notice indicating that fines were beginning to accrue as her 2019 CE Form 1 had not been received. This notice was mailed to the Appellant's Tampa address.

7. On September 22, 2020, the Appellant contacted the Commission and stated orally that she had incorrectly submitted a 2019 Form 1F thrice during the preceding two months. However, the Appellant, upon realizing that she had filed the incorrect form, was immediately provided the correct 2019 Form 1 via email. On the same day, the Appellant submitted her 2019 CE Form 1 to the Commission. Also, the 2019 CE Form 1 was filed with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections.

8. On February 26, 2021, the Commission sent a Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine to the Appellant for the twenty one (21) day delay in filing her 2019 Form 1, assessing the

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<sup>1</sup> However, the Appellant was unlikely to receive this email since she had resigned from her position months prior and may not have access to her former public email.

Appellant with a \$525 fine. The Notice was sent to the Appellant's Tampa address. It indicated the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine, and included a notice of the right to appeal the fine, stating that the appeal had to be received by the Commission by March 29, 2021.

9. On March 29, 2021, the Appellant timely filed an appeal with the Commission and in a subsequent correspondence, the Commission acknowledged Appellant's appeal as received. In the appeal, the Appellant claimed that while the 2019 Form 1 had been sent to and circulated within her former office, she no longer worked there and experienced extended delays in receiving mail from her old address. In her appeal, she further asserted experiencing difficulty in confirming receipt of her Form filings with the Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections and that these delays were worsened by the statewide pandemic emergency in effect. Moreover, the Appellant attaches to her appeal an email exchange wherein she sent a financial disclosure form to the Miami-Dade Financial Disclosure Portal indicating that she had made a similar submission twice before the grace period. However, it was only on September 22, 2020, that the Appellant realized that 2019 Form 1, as opposed to Form 1F, was the correct form required from her. Finally, in her appeal, Appellant asserts that throughout the filing process, she did make several bona fide and good faith efforts to comply with her disclosure obligations.

#### Conclusions of Law

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

12. 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.

13. Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, 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.

14. Here, the notice to file the 2019 Form 1 was sent to the Appellant's previous address and her former work email address prior to the expiration of the grace period on September 1, 2020. While the Appellant does not claim that she never received them as she had changed positions and was working in a different city, she does claim that there was a lack of communication and delay in mail, fueled by a state wide pandemic emergency. Her claim is supported by facts on record and the need for a fine is further mitigated by the promptness of her corrective action. There is no evidence showing that the Appellant affirmatively received a timely notice of her filing obligation; instead, there is evidence that the Appellant did make a diligent effort to ensure compliance and would be in compliance but for the filing of the wrong form. Also, the Appellant's job change coincided with delayed mail deliveries and an inability to timely confirm delivery of her filings with the Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections. Based on these facts, the Commission believes that "unusual circumstances" do exist that justify waiving the \$525 fine.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby waives the assessed fine of \$525.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on Friday, January 21, 2022.

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Date Rendered

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*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.

XXX: sc

Sarah Johnston  
3409 W Horatio St., Unit 112  
Tampa, FL 33609.

279099

20-033



## STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

325 John Knox Road  
Building E, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
Telephone: (850) 488-7864  
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COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
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### APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2019

**DIRECTIONS:** The information you provide in this form is critical for processing your appeal in a timely manner.

In Part A, please provide current contact information. If your contact information changes while your appeal is being processed, please notify us.

In Part B, please check any boxes that specify the general reason(s) for your appeal.

In Part C, please explain in detail the reason(s) for your appeal. In addition to your written explanation in Part C, you may attach any documents that support your appeal.

**IMPORTANT:** TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL, THIS FORM OR OTHER WRITTEN APPEAL (AND ANY ATTACHMENTS) MUST BE FILED WITH (RECEIVED BY) THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE WAS MAILED TO YOU.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Mailing Address: Commission on Ethics  
P.O. Drawer 15709  
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

Physical Address: Commission on Ethics  
325 John Knox Road  
Building E, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Fax: (850) 488-3077

Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

### **PART A: YOUR INFORMATION**

Sarah Johnston			
Name:			
Address:	3409 W Horatio St Unit 112	Tampa	FL 33609
Daytime Tel.:	786-380-2554	Cell:	786-380-2554
Email:	sarahjohnston1113@gmail.com	Filer ID# (if known):	279099
Public Employer:	Former employer - City of North Miami Beach		
Public Position:	Former position - City Attorney		

CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

## PART B: GENERAL REASON(S) FOR YOUR APPEAL

Please choose any/all reasons that apply to your appeal.

I hereby appeal the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine on the following basis:

- a. ☐ **Sickness or injury** (Explain in Part C and attach a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of illness or injury)
- b. ☒ **Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports your assertion that you never received certified mail delinquency notice: for example, incorrect address; misdelivered mail; change in employment; extended absence from home, etc.)
- c. ☐ **Claim of timely filing of financial disclosure** (Explain in Part C and provide copy of certified mail receipt and/or copy of completed form which had been previously filed, along with a sworn notarized statement that you filed prior to the deadline)
- d. ☐ **Left public position prior to December 31, 2019** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2019)
- e. ☒ **Other unusual circumstance** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing prior to deadline)
- f. ☐ **Not required to file** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports reason for not required to file)

## PART C: DETAILED EXPLANATION OF YOUR APPEAL

Please provide a detailed explanation of your appeal, including why each option you selected in Part B is applicable to you. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages.

On March 19, 2020, I resigned from my public position and relocated from Aventura to Tampa, this coincided with statewide shutdown orders resulting in widespread impacts including mail service.

Please see the attached detailed explanation.

## OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING

☐ In addition to this written appeal, I specifically request to appear before the Commission in a hearing pursuant to Section 112.3144(8)(f)3 or Section 112.3145(8)(g)3, Florida Statutes. Commission meetings occur in Tallahassee.

## SIGNATURE

I have received and read the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine and its instructions on How to Appeal and I understand my options. I am requesting disposition of this matter as indicated.

3/24/21  
DATE

  
SIGNATURE

March 25, 2021

State of Florida  
Commission on Ethics  
P.O Drawer 15709  
Tallahassee, FL 32317  
Email: [disclosure@leg.state.fl.us](mailto:disclosure@leg.state.fl.us)

Re: Sarah Johnston – 279099 Appeal of Automatic Fine for Form Year 2019

Please see the below as the explanation for Part C: Detailed Explanation of Your Appeal:

On March 19, 2020, I resigned from my public position and relocated from Aventura to Tampa, this coincided with statewide shutdown orders resulting in widespread impacts including delayed mail service.

On June 9, 2020, I filed the Form 1F, shortly thereafter, I was made aware by a paralegal at my law firm that the County website indicated I had not filed the required form. I re-submitted the form several times over the next two months, believing there was a clerical error. I made attempts to confirm compliance after submitting the form but was unable to receive any kind of confirmation or indication that it was the incorrect form. Although I kept following up and submitting the form, it was not until September 22, 2020, when I spoke with someone at the state that I was made aware that the form I was sending was the Form 1F and the form that was needed was the Form 1.

The first written notification I received was a notice from the State on August 28<sup>th</sup>, upon receipt of that notice (which was sent to my old address), I immediately re-submitted the form to the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections. The next communication I received was on September 22, 2020, at which time I re-sent the form and called-it was only after finally speaking with someone that I was made aware that the Form 1 that was missing, not the Form 1F which I had submitted several times.

Throughout this process I made several attempts to confirm compliance and followed up each time. Between the extended delays in receiving mail, a lack of communication from the local supervisor of elections, a change in jobs and a move across the state during a pandemic there was unique circumstances which resulted in the extended delay in complying with filing the Form 1.

Any consideration to reducing/waiving the fines would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Sarah Johnston  
3409 W Horatio St. Unit 112  
Tampa, FL, 33609  
Email: [SJohnston@wsh-law.com](mailto:SJohnston@wsh-law.com)



Sarah L. Johnston  
FW: Form 1  
September 22, 2020 at 12:57 PM  
Maria E. Cerice

Good Afternoon,

I just wanted to give you a heads up that I received the attached letter from the Florida Commission on Ethics. I called them and explained this has been submitted no less than 3 times and I am waiting for someone to return my call. The person who answered the phone indicated that this is an ongoing issue with MD Elections Dept. I will let you know what they say in case anyone else is having similar issues.

Thank you  
Sarah

**From:** Sarah L. Johnston <SJohnston@wsh-law.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 5:07 PM  
**To:** financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov  
**Cc:** Maria E. Cerice <MCerice@wsh-law.com>  
**Subject:** Form 1

Please find the attached Form 1, this was originally submitted in June and resent last week.

I received a notice from the State that records reflect this was not received and fines will begin accruing on 9/1/2020 if not received.

Please confirm receipt and if there is anything else you need from me.

Thank you.



SJohnston Form  
1 2020.pdf

Sarah Johnston  
Sent from my iPhone

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*"A Public Office is a Public Trust"*

September 9, 2020

Ms Sarah Johnston - 279099  
City of North Miami Beach  
North Miami Beach  
Employees  
3001 Ne 183th St Apt 538  
Aventura FL 33180-3346

RE: Financial Disclosure (Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests -- 2019)

Earlier this year, you were noticed of your obligation to file a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year ending December 31, 2019. The grace period for filing expired on September 1, 2020 and according to records in our office you have not filed Form 1. I am writing to advise you, that pursuant to State law, an automatic fine of \$25.00 per day for each day late (\$1,500 maximum fine) is being assessed against you for your failure to timely file Form 1. Please file the form as soon as possible with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Christopher Anderson, III".

C. Christopher Anderson, III

FD 010903

**FORM 1****STATEMENT OF  
FINANCIAL INTERESTS****2019**Please print or type your name, mailing  
address, agency name, and position below:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

LAST NAME -- FIRST NAME -- MIDDLE NAME :

Johnston Sarah

MAILING ADDRESS:

3409 W Horatio St Unit 112

CITY :

Tampa

ZIP :

FL

COUNTY :

Hillsborough

NAME OF AGENCY:

City of North Miami Beach

NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT :

City Attorney

CHECK ONLY IF ☐ CANDIDATE OR ☐ NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

279099

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9-22-20

Processed Date: 3/4/21Scanned Date: 3/4/21Filing Status Code: See sign**\*\*\*\* THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED \*\*\*\*****DISCLOSURE PERIOD:**

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

**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
City of North Miami Beach	17011 NE 19th Ave, NMB FL 33162	Municipality

**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
none			

**PART C -- REAL PROPERTY** [Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See instructions]

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

none

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
457/401a	ICMA Retirement Account-North Miami Beach Employment

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

NAME OF CREDITOR	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR
Ally Auto Loan	PO Box 380901, Bloomington, MN 55438
Navient/US Dept. of Education	PO Box 9635, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18773

**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		
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY	none	none
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 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:

/s/Sarah Johnston

Date Signed:

9/22/2020**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, 2019.

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**Bofill, Carmen (Elections)**

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**From:** Prine.Emily <PRINE.EMILY@leg.state.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2021 8:16 AM  
**To:** SJohnston@wsh-law.com  
**Cc:** Bofill, Carmen (Elections)  
**Subject:** FW: Form recorded PID 279099-county change after delinquency certification  
**Attachments:** Johnston Sarah.pdf  
  
**Importance:** High

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Morning,

As promised, the county has now been changed.

Thank you.

*Sincerely,*  
**Emily E. Prine**  
**Program Specialist/Financial Disclosure**  
**850-488-7864**  
**Florida Commission on Ethics**  
**Post Office Drawer 15709**  
**Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709**

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**From:** Prine.Emily  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:25 PM  
**To:** 'SJohnston@wsh-law.com' <SJohnston@wsh-law.com>  
**Cc:** 'Financial Disclosures (Elections)' <FINDISCELEC@miamidade.gov>; 'Bofill, Carmen (Elections)' <Carmen.Bofill@miamidade.gov>  
**Subject:** Form recorded PID 279099-county change after delinquency certification  
**Importance:** High

Afternoon All,

Ms. Johnston's form has been recorded; the physical address was updated but not the county.

I will update the county after our internal certifications are complete.

**From:** [Maria E. Cerice](#)  
**To:** [Financial Disclosures \(Elections\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Bofill, Carmen \(Elections\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Form 1 Submittals  
**Date:** Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:34:39 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[Sarah Johnston Form 1.pdf](#)  
[Steve Helfman Form 1.pdf](#)  
[Chad Friedman Form 1.pdf](#)  
[FORM 1 -- 2019 list of cities.pdf](#)

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SOURCE.

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Here are the forms for the persons listed below.

**From:** Financial Disclosures (Elections) <FINDISCELEC@miamidade.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:24 AM  
**To:** Maria E. Cerice <MCerice@wsh-law.com>  
**Cc:** Financial Disclosures (Elections) <FINDISCELEC@miamidade.gov>  
**Subject:** Form 1 Submittals

Sarah Johnston – City Attorney for North Miami Beach (file Form1F resigned on 3/19/2020 need Form 1)

Steve Helfman – City Attorney for Golden Beach and Indian River (no record)

Chad Friedman – City Attorney for Key Biscayne (6/30/20 Form1)

*Carmen Bofill*

Financial Disclosure and Outside Employment Coordinator  
Miami Dade Elections Department

2700 NW 87<sup>TH</sup> Avenue

Miami, Florida 33173

305-499-8413-Office

[financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov](mailto:financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov)

**From:** Maria E. Cerice <MCerice@wsh-law.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2020 12:14 PM  
**To:** Financial Disclosures (Elections) <FINDISCELEC@miamidade.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Form 1 Submittals

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE.

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Hi – checked online and saw that the attached filers are not listed on the website. Can you please

confirm that you received these (see below I sent on July 1<sup>st</sup>).

Thank you.

**From:** Maria E. Cerice

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:07 AM

**To:** 'financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov' <[financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov](mailto:financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov)>

**Subject:** Form 1 Submittals

Good Morning!

Please find attached the form 1 for:

Sarah Johnston – City Attorney for North Miami Beach

Steve Helfman – City Attorney for Golden Beach and Indian River

Chad Friedman – City Attorney for Key Biscayne

Please confirm receipt of this email.

MARIA E.

CERICE

*Assistant to Richard Jay Weiss, Susan L. Trevarthen, Matthew J. Pearl, James E. White, Chanae L. Wood*



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Good Morning!

Please find attached the form 1 for:

Sarah Johnston – City Attorney for North Miami Beach  
Steve Helfman – City Attorney for Golden Beach and Indian River  
Chad Friedman – City Attorney for Key Biscayne

Please confirm receipt of this email.

MARIA E.

CERICE

*Assistant to Richard Jay Weiss, Susan L. Trevarthen, Matthew J. Pearl, James E. White, Chanae L. Wood*



200 E. Broward Boulevard, Suite 1900 | Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301



☎ (954) 763-4242 ✉ [mcerice@wsh-law.com](mailto:mcerice@wsh-law.com) | [www.wsh-law.com](http://www.wsh-law.com)



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**From:** [Financial Disclosures \(Elections\)](#)  
**To:** [Maria E. Cerice; Financial Disclosures \(Elections\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Form 1 Submittals  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 3:29:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [Sarah Johnston Form 1.pdf](#)  
[Steve Helfman Form 1.pdf](#)  
[Chad Friedman Form 1.pdf](#)  
[FORM 1 -- 2019 list of cities.pdf](#)  
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Good afternoon,

Receipt confirmed.

Regards,

Financial Disclosure Section  
Government Affairs and Media Relations Division  
Miami-Dade County Elections Department  
2700 NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33172  
Office (305) 499-8413  
[financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov](mailto:financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov)



**From:** Maria E. Cerice <MCerice@wsh-law.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:07 AM  
**To:** Financial Disclosures (Elections) <FINDISCELEC@miamidade.gov>  
**Subject:** Form 1 Submittals

**EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE.**

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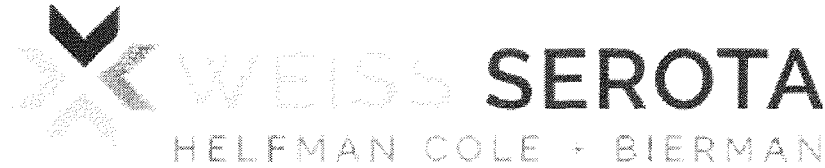
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**BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

In re     **Sarah Johnston**  
            **City of North Miami Beach**  
            **Employees**  
            **North Miami Beach**

PID#: 279099

**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)(g), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2019 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2019 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2020. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 1, 2020. 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)(g), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2019 CE Form 1 was filed September 22, 2020 with the Supervisor of Elections for Miami-Dade County, you are fined the amount of \$525.00 (\$25.00 per day for 21 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)(g)3., 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](http://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 **March 29, 2021**. **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, 2020, 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, 2019:** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2019; or
- f. **UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL:** if delinquency 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 your 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:

**Ms Sarah Johnston  
3409 W Horatio Street  
UNIT 112  
Tampa, FL 33609**

by Certified Mail on this Friday, February 26, 2021.



**KIMBERLY R. HOLMES**  
Program Administrator

Florida Commission on Ethics  
P. O. Drawer 15709  
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

-or-

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

Tel.: (850) 488-7864  
Fax: (850) 488-3077  
Email: [disclosure@leg.state.fl.us](mailto:disclosure@leg.state.fl.us)

# Memorandum



**To:** Local Officer

**From:** Christina White  
Supervisor of Elections

**Subject:** State Financial Disclosure Filing Requirement for the 2019 Tax Year

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The position you held in 2019 was determined to be one that requires the filing of a financial disclosure form. According to Florida Statute 112.3145, the enclosed **Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests (2019,)** must be filed with the Elections Department by **Wednesday, July 1, 2020** to satisfy your financial disclosure filing requirement for the 2019 tax year.

Persons serving as of December 31, 2019 are required to file this year. If you left the position in 2019, you are required to file a Form 1F covering the portion of 2019 you served. If you left the position in 2020, you are required to file a Form 1 for 2019 and a Form 1F for the portion of 2020 you served. See the Form 1 instructions for more information, and additional forms may be downloaded on the Elections Department website at [https://www8.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid\\_service=ser1513200320703181](https://www8.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1513200320703181).

The Elections Department is the records custodian for these forms. **Please do not file this form with the Florida Commission on Ethics in Tallahassee.** As such, kindly send your **completed and signed** financial disclosure form via email to [financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov](mailto:financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov) so long as it is a legible scanned copy, or by returning it to the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections, Financial Disclosure Section, PO Box 521550, Miami, Florida 33152-1550. A business reply envelope has been provided for your convenience.

Please note the following:

- You can check receipt of your financial disclosure form on the Miami-Dade Elections Department website at [https://www8.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid\\_service=ser1513200320703181](https://www8.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1513200320703181).
- Persons who fail to file the annual disclosure form by September 1 are subject to automatic fines of \$25 for each late day. In addition, by law, the Commission on Ethics must initiate investigations of delinquent filers in certain circumstances. This can result in your being removed from your public office or employment. See Section 112.3145(8)(c), Florida Statutes.
- If your home address is exempt from public records, please provide your office or other address.

Instructions for completing this form are included. Additional questions on how to complete this form should be directed to the Florida Commission on Ethics at 800-262-8824. If you have questions regarding the distribution or collection of this form, please contact Carmen Bofill, Miami-Dade Financial Disclosure Coordinator, at 305-499-8413 or via email at [financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov](mailto:financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov).

If you think you have received this notification in error, please contact the coordinator for your agency who has provided your name based on your official position and responsibilities. If appropriate, the local agency's coordinator will contact the Florida Commission on Ethics to remove your name from the list. To find your coordinator, you can contact Ms. Bofill at the number above or view the coordinator list provided on the Commission on Ethics' website at <http://www.ethics.state.fl.us>.

Enclosures

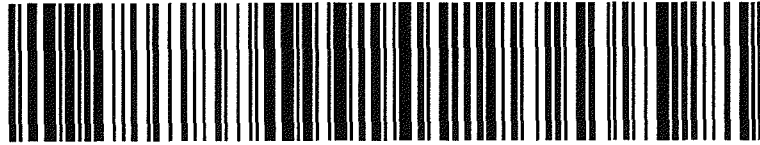


**Elections**  
Supervisor of Elections Financial Disclosure Section  
PO Box 521550  
Miami Florida 33152-1550  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**IMPORTANT:**  
YOUR ANNUAL DISCLOSURE FORM IS ENCLOSED AND  
MUST BE FILED BY SEPT. 1, 2020

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USPS CERTIFIED MAIL



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SARAH JOHNSTON  
3409 W HORATIO ST UNIT 112  
TAMPA, FL 33609

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July 29, 2020

Pre-Shipment Info Sent to USPS, USPS Awaiting Item

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**Tracking History**

July 29, 2020

Pre-Shipment Info Sent to USPS, USPS Awaiting Item

The U.S. Postal Service was electronically notified by the shipper on July 29, 2020 to expect your package for mailing. This does not indicate receipt by the USPS or the actual mailing date. Delivery status information will be provided if/when available.

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**Product Information**





## Financial Disclosure Management System

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<<2020 Form Year

### Status

Filing: INACTIVE

Fine: No Fine

### Flags

Public Address

Filing Extensions

Indefinite: None

Temporary:

None

Eligible for Fines

[Update Flags](#)

The filer has fines for: [2020 \(Appeal\)](#)

### 2020 Fines and Appeals

#### Form Year 2019 Filed Forms

Received Date	Form Type	Form Signed	Filed by Email	Filing Location	Updated	Comments
09/22/20	Form 1	Yes	Yes	SOE	PRINEE on 09/22/2020	Received by COE on behalf of Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections

#### 2020 Fine Information

[Update Fine Information](#)

[Assign Agency Contact](#)

Fine Balance	Fine Status	Fine Date	Original Assessment	Fine Amount	Last Payment Date	Payment Plan Start Date	Payment Plan Amount
\$525.00	Appeal	2/26/2021	\$525.00	\$525.00			

Fine Address 3409 W Horatio Street UNIT 112 Tampa FL 33609

Org/Suborg North Miami Beach-Employees

#### 2020 Fine Payment History

Date Posted	Description	Amount	Method	Payment ID	Comments
2/26/2021	Fine Levied	+ \$525.00			Fined \$525.00

Current Balance: \$525.00

 Add a New Filer

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PID:



 Quick Filer Search

First Name:

Last Name:

## 2020 Fine Year Event

### Chronology

 Date	Type	Description	Reference
 08/20/2020	Postcard Sent	Courtesy Postcard Reminder	Print Queue: <u>8/20/2020</u> Printing Confirmed: 8/20/2020

#### Letter Sent To:

Ms Sarah Johnston  
3001 Ne 185th St Apt 538  
Aventura, FL 33180 -3346


08/27/2020	Filer	EMAIL RTND AS UNDELIVERABLE:	Diana
	Communication:	From: Westberry, Diana Sent:	Westberry
	Email	Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:50 AM	
		To: 'Sarah.Johnston@citynmb.com'	
		Subject: URGENT REMINDER! Earlier	
		this year, you were notified of your	
		obligation to file a CE Form 1,	
		Statement of Financial Interests, for	
		the year ending December 31, 2019.	
		The grace period for filing this form	
		will expire on September 1, 2020 at 5	
		p.m., and according to our records,	
		you still have not filed your CE Form	
		1. Pursuant to State law, an	
		automatic fine of \$25 per day for	
		each day late (up to a maximum fine	
		of \$1,500) will be assessed against	
		you if your CE Form 1 is not received	
		by September 1, 2020. Failure to file	
		can result in removal from public	
		office or employment. Please file	
		your CE Form 1 immediately with	
		your county Supervisor of Elections!	
		If you have ANY questions, please	
		contact our office at (850)488-7864.	

Thank you, Diana Westberry Office  
 Manager Florida Commission on  
 Ethics Post Office Drawer 15709  
 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709 (850)  
 488-7864

08/27/2020 Filer  
 Communication:  
 Email


From: Westberry, Diana Sent: Diana  
 Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:57 AM Westberry  
 To: 's.johnston@wsh-law.com'  
 Subject: FW: URGENT REMINDER!

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 Thank you, Diana Westberry Office  
 Manager Florida Commission on  
 Ethics Post Office Drawer 15709  
 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709 (850)  
 488-7864

 09/9/2020 Letter Sent


Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing

Print  
 Queue:  
9/9/2020  
 Printing  
 Confirmed:  
 9/9/2020

	09/22/2020 Form Received	Form 1 Received, Signed	Form 1 Received by Received by COE on behalf of Miami- Dade Supervisor of Elections SOE
09/22/2020	Filer Communication: Phone	Returned call to filer/got delinquency notice said submitted three times	Emily Prine
09/22/2020	Filer Communication: Other	Could not produce the original submission of the Form 1 2019/sent Final which is not correct.	Emily Prine
09/22/2020	Filer Communication: Email	From: Sarah L. Johnston Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:26 PM To: COE-Form1 Subject: FW: Form 1 Submittals From: Maria E. Cerice Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 4:19 PM To: Sarah L. Johnston Subject: Fwd: Form 1 Submittals Hi - sorry but we have had issues this year but see below the email trail that shows all the emails to the elections department and Carmen Bofill regarding submittals. Begin forwarded message: From: "Financial Disclosures (Elections)" Date: August 13, 2020 at 10:24:10 AM EDT To: "Maria E. Cerice" Cc: "Financial Disclosures (Elections)" Subject: Form 1 Submittals Sarah Johnston - City Attorney for North Miami Beach (file Form1F resigned on 3/19/2020 need Form 1) Steve Helfman - City Attorney for Golden Beach and Indian	Emily Prine

River (no record) Chad Friedman -  
City Attorney for Key Biscayne  
(6/30/20 Form1) Carmen Bofill  
Financial Disclosure and Outside  
Employment Coordinator Miami Dade  
Elections Department 2700 NW 87TH  
Avenue Miami, Florida 33173 305-  
499-8413-Office  
financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov  
From: Maria E. Cerice Sent: Monday,  
August 03, 2020 12:14 PM To:  
Financial Disclosures (Elections)  
Subject: FW: Form 1 Submittals

<p>09/22/2020 Filer Communication: Email</p>	<p>From: COE-Form1 Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:39 PM To: 'SJohnston@wsh-law.com' Cc: 'MCerice@wsh-law.com' Subject: FW: Form 1 Submittals Thank you, attached the final for you (Sarah) not the Form 1 2019. Sincerely, Emily E. Prine Program Specialist/Financial Disclosure 850-488-7864 Florida Commission on Ethics Post Office Drawer 15709 Tallahassee, FL 32317- 5709 From: Maria E. Cerice Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:32 PM To: Sarah L. Johnston ; COE- Form1 Subject: FW: Form 1 Submittals As requested, please find the original email that was sent with the attached forms. From: Maria E. Cerice Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:07 AM To: 'financial.disclosures@miamidade.gov' Subject: Form 1 Submittals Good Morning! Please find attached the form 1 for: Sarah Johnston - City Attorney for North Miami Beach Steve Helfman - City Attorney for Golden Beach and Indian River Chad Friedman - City Attorney for Key</p>	<p>Emily Prine</p>
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		Biscayne Please confirm receipt of this email.	
09/22/2020	Filer	From: COE-Form1 Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:35 PM To: 'SJohnston@wsh-law.com' Subject: FW: Form 1 Importance: High Attached is the Form 1 2019	Emily Prine
09/22/2020	Filer	From: Sarah L. Johnston Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:18 PM To: Maria E. Cerice ; COE-Form1 Subject: Fwd: Form 1 Please see the attached 2019 Form 1. Thank you. From: Sarah L. Johnston Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:30 PM To: 'CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us' Subject: FW: Form 1	Emily Prine
09/22/2020	Filer	From: Prine.Emily Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:25 PM To: 'SJohnston@wsh-law.com' Cc: 'Financial Disclosures (Elections)' ; 'Bofill, Carmen (Elections)' Subject: Form recorded PID 279099 Importance: High Afternoon All, Ms. Johnston's form has been recorded; the physical address was updated but not the county. I will update the county after our internal certifications are complete.	Emily Prine
09/22/2020	Filer	Appears the final was filed and not the Form 1/Carmen notified the form that was due. Filer also stated she moved in March and the pandemic	Emily Prine
02/26/2021	Fine Levied	Fined \$525.00	Journal: <u>2/26/2021</u> <u>8:56 AM</u>
02/26/2021	Notice of Assessed Fine	Initial Fine Notice	Journal: <u>2/26/2021</u> <u>8:59 AM</u>
 02/26/2021	Letter Sent	Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st	Print

	Fine Letter	Queue: <u>2/26/2021</u> Printing Confirmed: <u>2/26/2021</u>
02/26/2021 Filer	From: Prine.Emily Sent: Friday,	Emily
Communication:	February 26, 2021 8:16 AM To:	Prine
Email	'SJohnston@wsh-law.com' Cc: 'Bofill, Carmen (Elections)' Subject: FW: Form recorded PID 279099-county change after delinquency certification Importance: High Morning, As promised, the county has now been changed. Thank you.	
02/26/2021 Filer	From: disclosure Sent: Friday,	Kimberly
Communication:	February 26, 2021 9:12 AM To: 'Sarah	Holmes
Email	L. Johnston' Cc: disclosure Subject: RE: Form recorded PID 279099-county change after delinquency certification Good morning, Attached is the fine notification and appeal form. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be received no later than March 29, 2021. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely, Kimberly R. Holmes Program Administrator Financial Disclosure Section Florida Commission on Ethics P.O. Drawer 15709 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709 (850) 488-7864 (850) 488-3077 (Fax) www.ethics.state.fl.us Physical address: 325 John Knox Road Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303	
02/26/2021 Filer	Notification of assessed fine letter	Kimberly
Communication:	was emailed to Ms. Johnston @	Holmes
Letter	SJohnston@wsh-law.com	
04/21/2021 Fine Appeal	FD 20-033	Journal: <u>4/21/2021</u>

6:44 PM

04/23/2021 Letter Sent Fine Appeal

Print

Queue:

4/23/2021

Printing

Confirmed:

4/23/2021

<b>2020 Fine Appeal</b> – FD 20-033	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Update Appeal</td> <td>Withdraw Appeal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assign Attorney</td> <td>Request More Info</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Record Appeal Outcome</td> </tr> </table>	Update Appeal	Withdraw Appeal	Assign Attorney	Request More Info	Record Appeal Outcome	
Update Appeal	Withdraw Appeal						
Assign Attorney	Request More Info						
Record Appeal Outcome							
<b>Appeal Status:</b> Active <b>Appeal Receipt</b> <b>Date:</b> 03/29/2021 <b>Timely Filed:</b> Yes <b>Print Appeal</b> <b>Letter:</b> Yes <b>Hearing</b> <b>Requested:</b> No <b>Appeal Reason:</b> Lack of Notification, Other <b>Appeal Notes:</b> <b>Appeal Number:</b> FD 20-033 <b>Appeal Analyst</b> <b>Assigned:</b> <b>Final Order</b> <b>Number:</b> <b>Final Order Date:</b>	No Hearing Requested						