# BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

| In re GIANNINA GABRIELA MASELLI, | )  | Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 20-037 |
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|                                  | )  |   |
| Appellant.                       | )  | Final Order No.                           |
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## **FINAL ORDER**

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics (Commission), meeting in public session on January 21, 2022, on a timely appeal of the 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 did not request a hearing before the Commission.

#### Findings of Fact

- 1. According to information provided to the Commission, the Appellant serves or served as an Assistant Public Defender for the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office, a position requiring 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. In March, 2020, the Appellant resigned from her public position.
- 3. No later than May 19, 2020, the Commission sent to the Appellant a 2019 CE Form 1. The blank 2019 CE Form 1 was mailed to the Appellant at 1320 NW 14th St., Miami, FL 33125.

- 4. On July 31, 2020, the Commission sent to the Appellant a notice via certified mail intended to remind her of her obligation to file a 2019 CE Form 1. This notice was sent to the Appellant at the same 1320 NW 14th St. address. Records from the United States Postal Service (USPS) indicate that the mailing was "delivered [and] left with [an] individual."
- 5. On August 20, 2020, the Commission mailed to the Appellant a postcard intended to remind her of her obligation to file a 2019 CE Form 1. The Commission mailed the postcard to the same address as aforementioned.
- 6. On August 25, 2020, the Commission sent a courtesy email to the Appellant's work email address to remind her of her obligation to file a 2019 CE Form 1. This email was returned as undelivered.
- 7. On September 8, 2020, the Commission sent a courtesy notice to the Appellant indicating that fines were beginning to accrue. This notice was sent to the same address as aforementioned.
- 8. On September 18, 2020, the Commission sent a courtesy notice to the Appellant's email on file with the Florida Bar indicating that fines had started to accrue as her 2019 CE Form 1 had not been received. This email was delivered and the Appellant promptly responded to the communication.
- 9. On September 21, 2020, twenty (20) days after the expiration of the grace period, the Appellant submitted her 2019 CE Form 1 to the Commission. On the same day, the Appellant engaged in an email communication with the Commission staff wherein she stated that she had not been in the office and as such any notifications mailed to her office address were not personally received nor provided to the Appellant. The Appellant also updated her mailing address on file with the Commission.

- 10. The total amount of the automatic fine levied against the Appellant was \$500.
- of Automatic Fine. The notice was sent to the Appellant's new updated address at 9300 S Dadeland Blvd, FL 4, Miami, Florida 33156. It indicated the total of the 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 April 15, 2021, to be considered timely. USPS records indicate the notice was delivered on March 19, 2021, although an unidentified individual, other than the Appellant, signed for it.
- 12. On April 14, 2021, the Commission received the Appellant's timely appeal of the automatic fine. In part B of the appeal form, the Appellant checked "Lack of notification-Failure to receive notice" and "Other unusual circumstance" as the reasons for her appeal. In part C of the appeal form, where the Appellant is asked to provide a detailed explanation of her appeal including why the options they selected in part B of their form are applicable to their situation, the Appellant stated that she had not received any of the notices apprising her of the financial disclosure requirement prior to the expiration of the penalty free grace period and that she had changed her employment from the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office to a private law firm in Miami. Further, the Appellant clarifies that her staff, having been working from home, did not receive the form filing mail in due time, and therefore, she failed to make the timely filings due to lack of notification and change in her employment.

### Conclusions of Law

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

- 14. 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.
  - 15. Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., 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.

16. Based on the merits, the Appellant's basis for appealing the fine is that she did not timely receive any of the notices regarding the filing obligation prior to the expiration of the grace period. There is no evidence to conclusively refute the Appellant's claim. Contrarily, there is proof that the email notifications were returned as 'undelivered,' supporting the Appellant's claim of lack of notification. Because there is no evidence to dispute the Appellant's claim that she and/or her staff did not timely receive the mailings coupled with the overlap with her change in employment and the state of emergency due to the pandemic, there are "unusual circumstances" here that justify waiving the \$500 fine.

#### Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby waives the assessed fine of \$500.

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

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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 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.

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Ms. Giannina Gabriela Maselli 3220 W. Trade Ave Miami, FL 33133.



# STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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**FLORIDA** COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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## **APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2019**

Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

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 (Uding Annos-With)                              | . هم    |
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| Name: Gannina Maselli added and provided to                              | Public) |
| Address: 3220 W. Trade Ave City: Uiaw State: FL zip: 33133               |         |
| Daypine Tel.: 954 -248 - 0455 XII:                                       |         |
| Email: giamaselli e gmail. Com Filer ID# (if known):                     |         |
| Public Employer: Miami Dade Public Defenders office (no longer employed) | there)  |
| Public Position: Assistant Public Defender                               |         |
| CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE  | ]       |

| 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)                 |     |
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| e. [VOther 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. |     |
| Unfortunately due to Covid-19 our entire office of which  |     |
| I was newly employed at, was working from home. While the   |     |
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| 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.   |     |
| 4/13/21   |     |
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PART B: GENERAL REASON(S) FOR YOUR APPEAL

a. [ ] Sickness or injury (Explain in Part C and attach a statement from attending physician, including dates

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

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

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

address; misdelivered mail; change in employment; extended absence from home, etc.)

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

statement that you filed prior to the deadline)

and nature of illness or injury)

# Holmes, Kim

From:

Gia Maselli < giamaselli@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:44 PM

To:

disclosure

**Subject:** 

Appeal of Automatic Fine for Form Year 2019

Attachments:

FL bar appeal.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please allow this to serve as my appeal. Please let me know if you should need anything else from me.

Thank you,

Giannina Maselli FL Bar #: 119927 Cell: (954) 248-0455

| FORM 1  | STATEM                                       | IENT OF   |            | 2019   |
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| Federal Loan Servicing   | P.O. Box 69184,            | Harrisburg, PA 17          | 7106-9184  |  |  |  |  |
| Hyundai Motor Financing  | P.O. Box 20850             | Fountain Valley, C         | CA 92728-0850  |  |  |  |  |
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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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#### BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re Giannina Gabriela Maselli
Assistant Public Defender
Employees
Public Defender; 11Th Circuit

PID#: 260546

# 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 21, 2020 with the Commission on Ethics, you are fined the amount of \$500.00 (\$25.00 per day for 20 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. Click on "Financial Disclosure" and then the link to the sample appeal form.
- 4. **DUE DATE:** Your appeal must be <u>received</u> by the Commission on Ethics on or before <u>April 15, 2021</u>. <u>NOTE:</u> 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 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:

Giannina Gabriela Maselli 9300 S Dadeland Blvd FL 4 Miami, FL 33156

by Certified Mail on this Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Kinkelle Low

KIMBERLY R. HOLMES Program Administrator

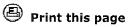
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| ,                                | <b>(</b> ) 07/31/2020  | D Letter Sent           | Certified Letter Sent  | Print Queue: 7/31/2020 Printing Confirmed: 7/31/2020 |
|                                  | 08/20/2020   | Postcard Sent           | Courtesy Postcard Reminder   | Print Queue: 8/20/2020 Printing Confirmed: 8/20/2020 |
|                                  | 08/25/2020   |                         | Dear Form 1 Filer: 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! If you have ANY questions, please contact our office at (850)488-7864. Kind Regards, | Kathleen<br>Mann                                     |
|                                  | 08/25/2020   |                         | Delivery has failed to these recipients or groups: ggm@pdmiami.com This message was rejected by the recipient email system. Please check the recipient's email address and try resending this message, or contact the recipient directly.  | Kathleen<br>Mann                                     |
|                                  | 08/25/2020   | Communication:<br>Phone | Called Ms. Maselli: 305-679-1900 - Law Offices of<br>the Public Defender. Left message with Ms.<br>Richardson in the call center. She was unable to<br>verify if Maselli works there.  | Kathleen<br>Mann                                     |
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| 1                      |                         | From: Prine.Emily Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 9:15 AM To: 'giannina.maselli@qpwblaw.com' Subject: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT Importance: High Giannina Maselli, We have not received your Form 1 2019 Financial Disclosure filing based off your service with the Public Defender's Office 11th Circuit. The original due date was July 1 and a grace period of September 1 was given. You are now being fined \$25.00 per day up to \$1500.00. Fine amount as of today is \$425.00 The form is attached for completion; please remit as soon as possible to stop the fines from accruing. I have also attached a final form. | Emily<br>Prine                                    |
| i .                    | Communication:<br>Other | Giannina G. Maselli Member in Good Standing Eligible to Practice Law in Florida Bar Number: 119927 Mail Address: Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. 9300 S Dadeland Blvd Fl 4 Miami, FL 33156-2748 Office: 305-670-1101 Email: giannina.maselli@qpwblaw.com Personal Bar URL: https://www.floridabar.org/mybarprofile/119927 vCard: County: Miami-Dade Circuit: 11 Admitted: 11/02/2015 10-Year Discipline History: None Law School: Nova Southeastern University - Shepard Broad College of Law Sections: Young Lawyers Firm: Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A.   | Emily<br>Prine                                    |
|                        | communication:<br>imail | From: Giannina G. Maselli Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 9:21 AM To: Prine.Emily Subject: Read: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT Importance: High Your message To: Subject: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 9:20:51 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) was read on Friday, September 18, 2020 9:20:36 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).   | Emily<br>Prine                                    |
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| 09/21/2020 Fi          | iler I                  | From: Giannina G. Maselli Sent: Monday, September   | Emily   |

|                       | Communication:<br>Email    | 21, 2020 12:23 PM To: Prine.Emily Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT Good morning, I apologize for the delay. I haven't been in in the office so any notifications I received by mail, may still be sitting at my desk. Is there any way to waive the fee? Unfortunately, I won't be able to pay the fees at this moment due to incurred expenses from my significant other, who I live with and share | Prine  |
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|                       |                            | expenses with losing his employment. Please let me know what other documentation you would need in order to waive this fee if possible. Thank you, Giannina G. Maselli   Attorney At Law Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. 9300 South Dadeland Blvd., 4th Floor, Miami, Florida 33156 Ph: (305) 670-1101x1052 Fax: (305) 670-1161 Email: giannina.maselli@qpwblaw.com Web: www.qpwblaw.com                  |  |
| 09/21/2020            | Communication:<br>Email    | From: Prine.Emily Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 12:29 PM To: 'Giannina G. Maselli' Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure DELINQUENT Form received. We will send out a fine assessment letter along with information to appeal. The information will go out in January to the address provided on your form, 9300 S Dadeland.  |  |
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