# BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re ADRIANNETTE WILLIAMS	)	Financial Disclosure Appeal No.	FD 22-014
Appellant.	)	Final Order No.	24-XXX

#### FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on September 13, 2024, on the appeal of Appellant, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), 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.

# Findings of Fact

- 1. According to information provided to the Commission, Appellant served as Assistant Regional Counsel for the Second District, 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. On May 17, 2022, the Florida Commission on Ethics sent Appellant a 2021 CE Form 1. This letter was sent to Appellant at 1415 Gulf Stream Circle Apt 104, Brandon, FL 33511.
- 3. On July 29, 2022, the Florida Commission on Ethics sent Appellant a notice of delinquency by certified mail. This notice was sent to Appellant at the 1415 Gulf Stream Circle address.

- 4. On August 18, 2022, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a postcard intended to remind her of her obligation to file a 2021 CE Form 1. The Commission mailed the postcard to the 1415 Gulf Stream Circle address.
- 5. On September 13, 2022, the Florida Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a courtesy notice of fines accruing. This was sent to the 1415 Gulf Stream Circle address.
- 6. On January 2, 2023, Appellant submitted her 2021 CE Form 1 to the Florida Commission on Ethics, 123 days late.
- 7. On January 2, 2023, the Commission received Appellant's early appeal of her automatic fine for Form Year 2021. In part B of her appeal form, Appellant checked "lack of notification—failure to receive notice" as the general reason for her appeal. In part C of the appeal form, where an appellant is asked to provide detailed explanation of his or her appeal, Appellant wrote that she moved to Tennessee and did not receive the notices sent to her Florida address. In a phone conversation with Commission staff, Appellant clarified that she moved to Tennessee in March of 2021.
  - 8. The total fine assessed against Appellant was \$1,500.
- 9. On November 2, 2023, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a notice that a \$1,500 fine had been assessed against her. Additionally, on November 7, 2023, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a letter noting that her appeal was pending.

## Conclusions of Law

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

- 11. 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.
  - 12. Section 112.3145(8)(f)2., 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.

13. Here, Appellant claims she did not receive notice of her Form 1 filing requirement for 2021 because she moved from Florida to Tennessee in March of 2021 and did not receive any notices in the mail. There is no evidence to dispute Appellant's claim that she did not receive notice. Additionally there is evidence that notice was only sent to Appellant's Florida address. Considering Appellant's claims, and that there is no evidence showing otherwise, there are "unusual circumstances" here that justify waiving the \$1,500 fine.

#### Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby finds that unusual circumstances for failure to file have been demonstrated. We therefore waive the assessed fine of \$1,500.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on Friday, September 13, 2024.

Date Rendered

XXXXX

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 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:sjz/aln

Ms. Adriannette Williams 215 Willow Ave SE Apt 308 Knoxville, TN 37915

22-014





# STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

325 John Knox Road Building E, Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32303 Telephone: (850) 488-7864 Fax: (850) 488-3077

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# **APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2021**

**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	ON			
Name: Adriannette Williams			Zip: <u>37915</u>		
Address: 215 Williow Ave SE	City: Knoxville	State: TN_	_Zip: <u>37915</u>		
Daytime Tel.: 8508900811	Cell: 8508900811				
Email: ADRIANNETTEWILLIAMS@GM	AIL.COM Filer ID# (if kn	own):			
Public Employer: Criminal Conflict & Civil	l Regional Counsel, 2nd District				
Public Position: Assistant Regional Counse	1 .				

PART B: GENERAL REA	SON(S) FOR YOUR APPEAL
Please choose any/all reasons that apply to your app	eal.
I hereby appeal the Notice of Assessment of Autom	atic Fine on the following basis:
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c. [ ] Claim of timely filing of financial disclosure receipt and/or copy of completed form which had be statement that you filed prior to the deadline)	e (Explain in Part C and provide copy of certified mail een previously filed, along with a sworn notarized
d. [ ] Left public position prior to December 31, 2 agency that your office-holding/employment ended	<b>2021</b> (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from before 12/31/2021)
e. [ ] Other unusual circumstance (Explain in Par rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely fili	t C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, ng prior to deadline)
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I have received and read the Notice of Assessment of and I understand my options. I am requesting dispos	f Automatic Fine and its instructions on How to Appeal ition of this matter as indicated.
DATE SIGNATUR	LE

# **Prine.Emily**

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments:	Prine.Emily Tuesday, January 03, 2023 9:07 AM 'adriannettewilliams@gmail.com' disclosure FW: FW: Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel Microsoft Word - Appeal Form 2022.pdf; Form 1 2021_lined_FINAL.indd.pdf
Thank you! All information reco	eived. Form recorded.
Please notify us if your address	s or contact information changes during the appeal process.
Sincerely, Emily E. Prine Program Specialist/Financial Dis 850-488-7864 Florida Commission on Ethics Post Office Drawer 15709 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709	
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Received, thank you. Please see	e all forms attached.
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On Thu, Dec 8, 2022 at 11:26 A	AM Prine.Emily < PRINE.EMILY@leg.state.fl.us > wrote:
Ms. Williams,	
Attached are the three docume	ents we discussed, complete all and return to me as PDF attachments.
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

From: Prine.Emily

Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2022 11:22 AM

To: 'adriannettewilliams@gmail.com' <adriannettewilliams@gmail.com>

Subject: Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel

Importance: High

Ms. Williams,

Did you serve as Regional Counsel for the second District?

Sincerely,

Emily E. Prine

Program Specialist/Financial Disclosure

850-488-7864

Florida Commission on Ethics Post Office Drawer 15709 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

FORM 1	STATEM	IENT OF		2021
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Criminal Conflict & Civil Region	onal Counsel, 2nd District	P	roce	essed
NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD Assistant Regional Counsel	OOR SOUGHT:			
CHECK ONLY IF CANDIDATE	OR NEW EMPLOYEE OR	R APPOINTEE		
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Regional Counsel	2101 McGregor Blvd,	Suite 101	Legal S	ervices
	Ft. Myers, FL 33901			
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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

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; Plysical address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Fly 32303 address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, Address 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.

## BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re Adriannette Williams PID#: 282497
Assistant Regional Counsel
Employees

Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel, 2nd District

#### 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 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)(g), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2021 CE Form 1 was filed January 2, 2023 with the Commission on Ethics, you are fined the amount of \$1500.00 (\$25.00 per day for 123 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. Unless the fine is successfully appealed, the Commission is required to investigate public officers and employees who receive the maximum \$1,500 fine, to determine whether their failure to file was willful. The penalty for willfully failing to file disclosure is removal from public office or employment.

#### 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>December 4</u>, <u>2023</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, 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:

Adriannette Williams 1415 Gulf Stream Cir Apt 104 Brandon, FL 33511 -2867

by Certified Mail on this Thursday, November 2, 2023.

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KIMBERLY R. HOLMES Program Administrator

Florida Commission on Ethics

Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

P. O. Drawer 15709

-or-

Florida Commission on Ethics

325 John Knox Road, Building E, Ste. 200

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#### **Mail Piece Details**



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#### **Recipient Address**

ADRIANNETTE WILLIAMS 1415 GULF STREAM CIR APT 104 BRANDON, FL 33511-2867

Record / Case Number: 282497

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STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS PO DRAWER 15709 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-5709

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Signed For By: ADRIANNETTE WILLIAM Signature Status: Available (Click Here)

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## **Tracking Information**

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Origin Acceptance, July 29, 2022, 09:48:00 PM, TALLAHASSEE,FL 32317

Processed Through Usps Facility, July 29, 2022, 11:03:00 PM, TALLAHASSEE FL DISTRIBUTION CEN 32301

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ADRIANNETTE WILLIAMS

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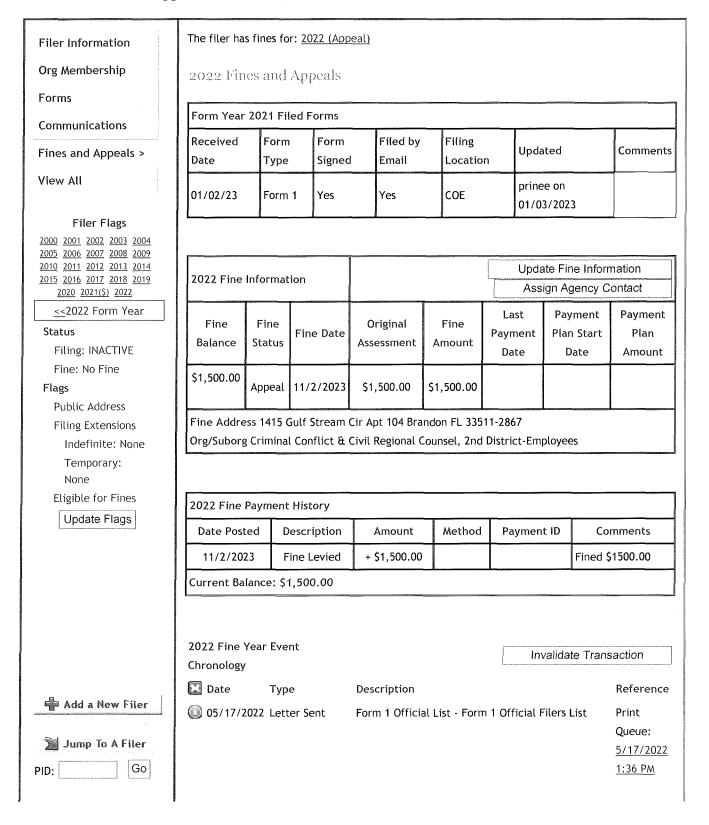
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09/1/20	22 Filer Communication: Email	Good morning, Ms. Williams: Earlier this year, you were notified of your obligation to file your CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year ending December 31, 2021, and our records show you still have not filed your form. The grace period for filing this form will expire on September 1, 2022 at 5 p.m., and a fine of \$25 per day (up to a maximum fine of \$1,500) will be assessed against you. Failure to file may also result in removal from public office or employment. Please file your form immediately. You may do so by mail (make sure it is postmarked on or before September 1st), or you may email your form to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us Thank you very much.	Millie Fulford

09/13/2022	Letter Sent	Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing	Print Queue: 9/13/2022 Printing Confirmed 9/13/2022
Letter Sent To Adriannette W 1415 Gulf Stre Brandon, FL 33	illiams am Cir Apt 104		
12/8/2022	Filer Communication: Other	Bar Number: 1004402 Mail Address: The Law Firm of Adriannette Williams, PL 2810 N H St Pensacola, FL 32501-1218 Office: 850-273-8944 Email: adriannettewilliams@gmail.com Personal Bar URL: https://www.floridabar.org/mybarprofile/1004402 vCard: County: Escambia Circuit: 01 Admitted: 11/07/2017 10-Year Discipline History: None Committees: Committee Office Term Media & Communications Law Committee(CM) 06/30/2027 Sections: Real Property, Probate & Trust Firm: The Law Firm of Adriannette Williams, PL Firm Size: 1	
12/8/2022		From: Prine.Emily Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2022 11:26 AM To: 'adriannettewilliams@gmail.com' Subject: FW: Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel Importance: High Ms. Williams, Attached are the three documents we discussed, complete all and return to me as PDF attachments. 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 From: Prine.Emily Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2022 11:22 AM To: 'adriannettewilliams@gmail.com' Subject: Criminal Conflict & Civil Regional Counsel Importance: High Ms. Williams, Did you serve as Regional Counsel for the second District?	Emily Prine
12/8/2022	Filer Communication: Phone	Filer called immediately after receiving email.  Sending her all filings required along with appeal form.	Emily Prine
01/2/2023	Form Received	Form 1 Received, Signed	

01/3/2023	Filer		
017 07 2020	Communication:	From: Prine.Emily	
	Email	Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2023 9:07 AM  To: 'adriannettewilliams@gmail.com'	
		<pre><adriannettewilliams@gmail.com></adriannettewilliams@gmail.com></pre>	
		Cc: disclosure <disclosure@leg.state.fl.us></disclosure@leg.state.fl.us>	
		Subject: FW: FW: Criminal Conflict & Civil	
		Regional Counsel	
		Thank you! All information received. Form recorded.	
		Please notify us if your address or contact information changes during the appeal process.	
		Sincerely,	
		Emily E. Prine	
		Program Specialist/Financial Disclosure	
		850-488-7864	
		Florida Commission on Ethics Post Office Drawer 15709 Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709	
11/2/2023	Fine Levied	Fined \$1500.00	Journal:
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11/2/2023	Notice of	Initial Fine Notice	Journal:
	Assessed Fine		11/2/20

11/2/2023 5:48 PM Print 11/7/2023 Letter Sent Fine Appeal Queue: 11/7/2023 Printing Confirmed: 11/7/2023 Letter Sent To: Adriannette Williams 1415 Gulf Stream Cir Apt 104 Brandon, FL 33511 -2867 Withdraw Appeal Assign Attorney Update Appeal 2022 Fine Appeal Request More Info Record Appeal Outcome - FD 22-014 No Hearing Requested Appeal Status: Active Appeal Receipt Date: 01/02/2023 Timely Filed: Yes Print Appeal Letter: Yes Hearing Requested: Appeal Reason: Lack of Notification Appeal Notes: Appeal Number: FD 22-014 Appeal Analyst Assigned: Final Order Number: Final Order Date: