



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF A

20 TRINITY STREET

COMPLAINT AGAINST

HARTFORD, CT 06106

TIMOTHY BYRNE

JUNE 20, 2001

### COMPLAINT

1. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Respondent Timothy Byrne was a state employee as that term is used in the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-79 et seq., serving as the head of the Department of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Connecticut.

2. Under Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c), no state employee may use his public office or position to obtain financial gain for, among others, his spouse.

3. Under Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-86(a) and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §1-81-29, any state employee who, in the discharge of his official duties, would be required to take an action that would affect the financial interest of, among others, his spouse, must not take such action, but must instead inform his superior of the conflict in writing, who shall assign the matter to another employee who is not subordinate to the state employee with the conflict of interest.

4. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Respondent's spouse served on the faculty of the Department of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Connecticut.

5. In 2000, as part of his job as department head, the Respondent recommended that his wife receive a merit increase.

6. In recommending that his wife receive a merit increase, the Respondent violated Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-84(c) and 1-86(a) of the Code of Ethics.

  
Brenda M. Bergeron

6-20-01  
Date



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JULY 3, 2001

### STIPULATION AND ORDER

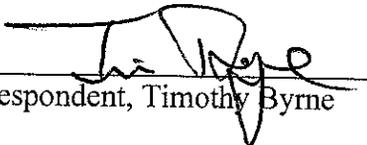
Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-177(c), the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent agree to settle this matter in the manner described below:

1. The Commission finds that the Respondent unintentionally violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged in the Complaint dated June 20, 2001.

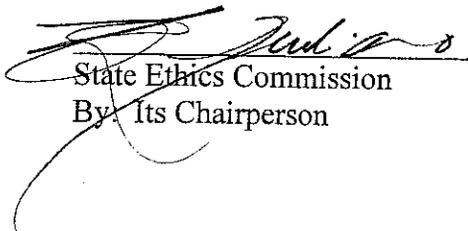
2. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-82, 1-82a, 1-87 and 1-80, including any right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-177(c).

WHEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission enters and the Respondent agrees to the following order in lieu of any other action with regard to this matter:

The Respondent agrees to pay \$1000 to the Commission within thirty days of the signing of this Stipulation and Order, and henceforth to comply fully with the Code of Ethics.

  
Respondent, Timothy Byrne

6/23/01  
Date

  
State Ethics Commission  
By: Its Chairperson

13 JULY 01  
Date