

NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Ethics Enforcement Officer,
Office of State Ethics,

Complainant

against

Docket # 2008-2UP

Bonnie Lasky

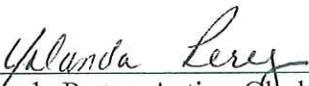
Respondent

October 7, 2008

TO: Ethics Enforcement Officer, Office of State Ethics; and Bonnie Lasky, Respondent.

This will serve as notice of the Final Decision of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board, Office of State Ethics, in the above matter as provided by Connecticut General Statutes § 4-180 (c). The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board adopted the Final Decision in the above-captioned case at its regular meeting of September 25, 2008.

By Order of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board
of the Office of State Ethics



Yolanda Perez, Acting Clerk of the Board

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The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on September 3, 2008, at which time the complainant and the respondent appeared and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found and conclusions of law are reached:

1. It is found that by email dated June 10, 2008, the complainant informed the respondent that her 2007 Statement of Financial Interests ("SFI") form, which was due to be filed on or before May 1, 2008, was delinquent, and that if such SFI form was not filed with the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") by June 11, 2008, a hearing regarding this matter would be scheduled.

2. It is found that the June 10, 2008 email further informed the respondent that "[b]y law, penalties may be up to \$10 a day for each day that the form was late (i.e., since May 1)."

3. Having failed to receive the SFI filing by June 11, 2008, it is found that by letter dated July 22, 2008, the complainant informed the respondent that a hearing on this matter was

scheduled for September 3, 2008. It is found that the July 22, 2008 letter was accompanied by a formal Notice of Hearing, also dated July 22, 2008. Such notice was issued pursuant to the OSE's authority and jurisdiction vested in it by General Statutes § 1-88 (b). It is found that the respondent received timely notice of the hearing in this matter.

4. It is found that the issues presented are

- a) whether the respondent violated § 1-83 (a) (1) by failing to file, on or before May 1, 2008, a SFI form for calendar year 2007;
- b) whether the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Board") should impose a civil penalty in this matter, if it finds that the respondent violated § 1-83 (a) (1).

5. Section 1-83 (a) (1), provides, in relevant part:

All . . . such members of the Executive Department and such employees of quasi-public agencies as the Governor shall require, shall file, under penalty of false statement, a statement of financial interests for the preceding calendar year with the Office of State Ethics on or before the May first next in any year in which they hold such a position.

6. Section § 1-88 (b), provides, in relevant part:

[The Board] may, after a hearing conducted in accordance with sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive, upon the concurring vote of two-thirds of its members, impose a civil penalty not to exceed ten dollars per day upon any individual who fails to file any report, statement or other information as required by this part... In no event shall the aggregate penalty imposed for such failure to file exceed ten thousand dollars.

7. It is found that the respondent was an employee in the Executive Department and a required SFI filer for the calendar year of 2007, within the meaning of § 1-83 (a) (1).

8. It is found that the respondent did not file the 2007 SFI form with the OSE on or before the first of May, 2008 as required by § 1-83 (a) (1).

9. It is therefore concluded that the respondent violated § 1-83 (a) (1), by failing to file the required 2007 SFI form with the OSE on or before the first of May, 2008.

10. It is found that the respondent filed the 2007 SFI form with the OSE on June 23, 2008, fifty-three days late.

11. It is concluded that pursuant to § 1-88 (b) the Board may impose a maximum civil penalty upon the respondent of five hundred and thirty dollars, that is, ten dollars per day for fifty-three days.

12. It is found that at the hearing in this matter the respondent requested that no fine be imposed because she honestly believed that her husband had filed the SFI form in a timely manner.

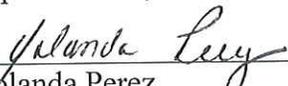
13. It is found that following notification from the OSE that the form had not been filed, the respondent filed the 2007 SFI form on June 23, 2008.

14. Based on the facts and circumstances of this case, the Board exercises its discretion to reduce the civil penalty permitted from five hundred and thirty dollars (\$530) to three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

The following order by the Board is hereby recommended on the basis of the record concerning the above-captioned complaint:

1. The respondent shall, within ten days of the mailing of the notice of final decision in this case, remit to the OSE a civil penalty in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).
2. Henceforth, the respondent, if designated as a SFI filer within the meaning of § 1-83 (a) (1), shall timely file the SFI.

Approved by Order of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board at its regular meeting of September 25, 2006.



Yolanda Perez
Acting Clerk of the Board

PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES § 4-180 (C), THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF EACH PARTY AND THE MOST RECENT MAILING ADDRESS, PROVIDED TO THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS, OF THE PARTIES OR THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTESTED CASE ARE:

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