

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS
FRANK D. REEVES MUNICIPAL BUILDING
2000-14th STREET, N.W., SUITE 433
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009
(202) 671-0550**

IN THE MATTER OF) Date: October 12, 2011
)
Melonie Barrington) Docket No.: 11F-017
Past Supervisory Civil Engineer)
District Department of Transportation)

ORDER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSAL

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (hereinafter OCF) upon inquiry conducted by OCF that pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1106.02 (2001 Edition), MELONIE BARRINGTON (hereinafter Respondent) failed to timely file a Financial Disclosure Statement (FDS) for calendar year 2010 by May 15, 2011, as required by D.C. Official Code §1-1106.02, and also failed to file on or before the OCF sanctioned extended filing deadline of June 10, 2011.

WHEREAS Respondent served in a position within District of Columbia Government that required compliance with the aforementioned D.C. Code statutory provisions;

WHEREAS pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1106.02(b), OCF relied on the listing of potential filer information submitted by the Agency of Respondent's engagement, which information contained Respondent's name;

WHEREAS it has been confirmed that Respondent's employment with District of Columbia Government terminated June 3, 2011 and Respondent is no longer engaged by the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS the address and contact information provided to OCF by the Agency for Respondent was accurate and Respondent did receive information necessary to satisfy the filing obligation at issue;

WHEREAS by Notice of Hearing and Statement of Violation and Order of Appearance dated August 1, 2011 and September 15, 2011 (respectively), OCF ordered Respondent to appear for a scheduled hearing on August 12, 2011 and September 27, 2011 (respectively);

WHEREAS Respondent took prompt action to correct her noncompliance and filed the required FDS on September 22, 2011 and submitted a written statement of explanation, as well as a disability certificate from her physician;

WHEREAS Respondent provided an explanation for the untimely filing in that, Respondent underwent a very difficult medical procedure and was under a physician care from mid May 2011 thru the end of July 2011. Respondent submitted a disability certificate from your physician, John P. George, MD. Dr. George affirms that Respondent was under his professional care from May 19, 2011 to July 21, 2011;

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WHEREAS Dr. George further asserts that Respondent was incapacitated during the time period mentioned above, and was subsequently cleared to resume normal activity on July 21, 2011.

WHEREAS Respondent asserts that she repeatedly tried contacting OCF to discuss the matter at issue. OCF confirms that Respondent did contact its office prior to the scheduled hearing on September 27, 2011, and Respondent timely advised OCF that she was unable to be in attendance at the September 27, 2011 hearing;

WHEREAS Respondent filed the required FDS for calendar year 2010 on September 22, 2011. Respondent is a first-time FDS filer without a history of FDS filing delinquencies and is now in compliance with the statute;

IT IS ORDERED that the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated August 1, 2011 and September 15, 2011 is VACATED and the charge for failure to timely file a Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2010 is DISMISSED and the imposition of a fine in this matter hereby SUSPENDED.

Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery
Director

SERVICE OF ORDER

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to MELONIE BARRINGTON this _____ day of October, 2011 by US Mail and/or Certified Mail.

NOTICE

Pursuant to 3 DCMR §3711.5 (1999), any fine imposed by the Director shall become effective on the 16th day following the issuance of a decision and order, if the respondent does not request an appeal of this matter. If applicable, within 10 days from the effective date of this order, please make a check or money order payable to the D.C. Treasurer, c/o Office of Campaign Finance, Suite 433, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.