

**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 14, 2011  
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Lilah Blackstone ) Docket No.: 11F-020  
Assistant Attorney General )  
Dept. of Insurance, Securities & Banking )

**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), LILAH BLACKSTONE (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 is active and Respondent is currently 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 2, 2011, August 16, 2011 and September 15, 2011 (respectively), OCF ordered Respondent to appear for a scheduled hearing on August 16, 2011, August 24, 2011 and September 27, 2011 (respectively);

**WHEREAS** Respondent took action to correct her noncompliance and filed the required FDS on October 7, 2011 and submitted a written statement of explanation the untimely filing;

**WHEREAS** Respondent provided a credible explanation for the untimely filing, in that Respondent reasonably believed she had satisfied the FDS filing requirement when she submitted her form to Marlene Simmons, Management Liaison Specialist, who submits all forms to OCF. Respondent did not become aware of her noncompliance until she received several Notice of Hearings from OCF. Respondent immediately contacted her agency liaison for proof of filing; however, Ms. Simmons failed to retain copies. Accordingly, Respondent took action to correct her noncompliance by electronically filing the required FDS on October 7, 2011;

**WHEREAS** Respondent's has been a timely FDS filer since 2008, and has no history of FDS filing delinquencies.

**WHEREAS** Respondent is currently in compliance with the D.C. Code statutory provision(s);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearances dated August 2, 2011, August 16, 2011, and September 15, 2011 are 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 is hereby SUSPENDED in this matter.

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**Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery**  
**Director**

**SERVICE OF ORDER**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to LILAH BLACKSTONE this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2011 by US Mail and/or Certified Mail.

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**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.