

**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**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	)	Date: October 6, 2011
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Harsharen Bhuller	)	Docket No.: 11F-027
Trial Attorney	)	
Office of the Attorney General	)	

**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), HARSHAREN BHULLER (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** Respondent failed to file a Financial Disclosure Statement on or before June 10, 2010;

**WHEREAS** by Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated August 1, 2011 and August 15, 2011 (respectively), OCF ordered Respondent to appear at a scheduled hearing on August 12, 2011 and August 24, 2011 (respectively);

**WHEREAS** Respondent failed to appear at the schedule hearings but electronically filed the required FDS on August 29, 2011;

**WHEREAS** a maximum fine of \$2,000 is appropriate in this matter for Respondent's untimely filing of more than (40) days subsequent to the due date;

**WHEREAS** Respondent submitted an affidavit explaining the untimely filing, in that Respondent moved from the District of Columbia in January 2011 to Arlington, VA and did not change is address with his agency employer. According, OCF did not receive Respondent's new address because OCF relied on the contact information provided by Respondent's agency employer. By some means, Respondent was able to obtain the Notice of Hearings issued by OCF on August 1, 2011 and August 15, 2011. Upon receipt, Respondent took action to correct his non compliance and filed the required FDS electronically on August 29, 2011..

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**WHEREAS** Respondent has no prior history of untimely FDS filings and is currently 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 August 15, 2011 is hereby VACATED, and that the imposition of a \$2,000 fine is hereby SUSPENDED.

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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 HARSHAREN BHULLER 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.