

**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
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IN THE MATTER OF) Date: July 13, 2011
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Conrad Bridges) Docket No.: 10F-025
Agency Fiscal Officer)
Office of the Chief Financial Officer)

ORDER

Statement of the Case

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (hereinafter OCF), Office of the General Counsel following a determination by its Public Information and Records Management Division that pursuant to D.C. Official Code §1-1106.02 (2001 Edition), Conrad Bridges, Agency Fiscal Officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, failed to timely file, a Financial Disclosure Statement (hereinafter FDS) for calendar year 2009 on or before May 15, 2010 as required by D.C. Official Code §1-1106.02, and by the extended filing date sanctioned by OCF on June 18, 2010.

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance dated April 7, 2011, May 2, 2011 and June 2, 2011 (respectively), OCF ordered Conrad Bridges to appear at a scheduled hearing on April 19, 2011, May 11, 2011 and June 14, 2011 (respectively) and show cause why he should not be found in violation of the D.C. Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Act of 1974, as amended by D.C. Official Code §§1-1101.01 et seq., and fined accordingly.

Summary of Evidence

OCF alleges that Conrad Bridges (hereinafter Respondent), failed to timely file the required FDS for calendar year 2009 by the mandated date May 15, 2010 and the extended filing date June 18, 2010. In accordance with the ACT, OCF issued three (3) hearing Notices on the dates cited above, via regular mail and/or certified mail, ordering Respondent to appear at a schedule hearing on specific dates previously mentioned. Each time, Respondent failed to appear and failed to file the require FDS.

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Findings of Fact

Having reviewed the allegations and the record herein, I find:

1. Respondent served as Agency Fiscal Officer within the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.
2. Respondent was required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement with OCF for calendar year 2009, on or before the extended date June 18, 2010.
3. Respondent failed to file the required Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2009.
4. Respondent failed to appear for a schedule hearing on April 19, 2011, May 11, 2011 and June 14, 2011
5. Respondent did not provide an affidavit in explanation of his noncompliance in filing the required FDS.
6. Respondent is not in compliance with the statute.

Conclusions of Law

Based upon the record provided by OCF, I therefore conclude:

1. Respondent violated D.C. Official Code §1-1106.02.
2. The penalty established at D.C. Official Code §1-1103.05(b)(3), and 3 DCMR §§3711.2(aa), 3711.2 and 3711.4 (March 2007, as amended) for failure to timely file a Financial Disclosure Statement required by D.C. Official Code §1-1106.02 is a fine of \$50.00 per day for each business day subsequent to the due date.
3. In accordance with D.C. Official Code §1-1103.05(b)(3), the respondent may be fined a maximum of \$2,000.00 for failing to timely file a Financial Disclosure Statement.
4. For good cause shown pursuant to 3 DCMR §3711.6, the Director of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss or suspend any fine.
5. Respondent has failed to provide a basis for a finding of good cause.

Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, I hereby recommend that the Director impose a fine of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars in this matter.

Date

Kalvanetta K. Peete
Hearing Officer

Concurrence

In view of the foregoing, I hereby concur with the Recommendation.

Date

William O. SanFord
General Counsel

ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR

IT IS ORDERED that the fine of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars is hereby imposed.

Date

Cecily E. Montgomery-Collier
Director

SERVICE OF ORDER

This is to certify that I have served a true copy of the foregoing Order on **Conrad Bridges** by certified mail and regular mail, on July 13, 2011.

NOTICE

Pursuant to 3DCMR §3711.5, 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 of 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 Fourteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.