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FEC Will Not Appeal District Court Decision in *CREW v. FEC*

WASHINGTON – The Federal Election Commission will not appeal the recent decision of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in [*Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington et al. v FEC*](#) (Case 1:14-cv-01419-CRC).

In August 2014, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) and CREW’s then-executive director filed suit against the Commission, challenging its dismissal of their administrative complaints against the American Action Network (AAN) and Americans for Job Security (AJS).

On September 19, 2016, the Court issued an opinion concluding that the dismissals of CREW’s administrative complaints against AJS and AAN were “contrary to law.” The Court accordingly granted CREW’s motion for summary judgment and remanded the matters to the Commission for further proceedings consistent with the Opinion of the Court. On September 29, 2016, the Commission was unable to reach agreement by the required four affirmative votes to appeal the Court’s decision.

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) is an independent regulatory agency that administers and enforces federal campaign finance laws. The FEC has jurisdiction over the financing of campaigns for the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, the Presidency and the Vice Presidency. Established in 1975, the FEC is composed of six Commissioners who are nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

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