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Weekly Digest Week of September 23 - 27

COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

On September 24, the Commission held an executive session.

No Commission open meetings were held this week. Click here for [agendas and related documents for open meetings](#). Click here for [audio recordings for selected meetings, hearings and presentations](#)

ADVISORY OPINIONS

Request Received

[AOR 2013-17 \(The Tea Party Leadership Fund\)](#). On September 27, the Commission made public Advisory Opinion Request 2013-17. The Tea Party Leadership Fund (TPLF) seeks an exemption from the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, (the Act) and Commission regulations requiring reporting to the FEC contributors to the TPLF and to the recipients of TPLF disbursements. The Commission must issue a response no later than 60 days after receipt of the complete request, that is, by November 18, 2013.

LITIGATION

[La Botz v. FEC](#) (Case 1:13-cv-00997-RC). On September 23, the plaintiff filed a [Response to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss](#) in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

[Nader v. FEC](#) (Case 1:10-cv-00989-RCL). On September 26, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued a [mandate](#) transferring the case to the district court, vacating the district court's previous judgment, and instructing the court to dismiss the case for lack of jurisdiction.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

On September 25, the Commission hosted a *Webinar: Candidate 101: Preparing for the Next Election Cycle*.

OUTREACH

On September 25, Chair Ellen L. Weintraub discussed the role of the Commission with a Latin American delegation as part of the State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

On September 26, the Commission made public its [Draft Strategic Plan for FY 2014-2019](#) on the Commission website. Comments may be submitted to StrategicPlanComments@fec.gov, through November 11, 2013.

PRESS RELEASES

[FEC Summarizes Campaign Activity of the First Six Months of the 2013-2014 Election Cycle](#)
(issued September 26)

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

October 2, Federal Election Commission, Washington, DC. “Webinar: October Quarterly Reporting for Candidate Committees.” Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

October 2, Federal Election Commission, Washington, DC. “Webinar: FECFile and E-Filing for Candidate Committees.” Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

October 23-24, San Francisco, California, *Regional Conference for House & Senate Campaigns, Political Party Committees and Corporate/Trade/Labor PACs*. Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

UPCOMING REPORTING DUE DATES

October 15: October Quarterly Reports are due. For information on quarterly reporting dates, refer to the [2013 Quarterly Reporting](#) page of the Commission website.

October 20: October Monthly Reports are due. For information on monthly reporting dates, refer to the [2013 Monthly Reporting page](#) of the Commission website.

OTHER RESOURCES

The [2013 edition of the Combined Federal State Disclosure and Election Directory](#) is available in the [Public Records](#) section of the Commission website. This publication identifies the federal and state agencies responsible for the disclosure of campaign finances, lobbying, personal finances, public financing, candidates on the ballot, election results, spending on state initiatives and other financial filings.

The [Official 2012 Presidential General Election Results](#) are available in the [Library](#) section of the website. This listing was compiled from the official election results published by state election offices.

An [index to the Record news articles published in 2013](#) is available on the Commission website. The [Record](#) news page is available in the [Publications](#) section of the Commission website. [Sign up](#) to receive email notification when new articles are posted.

The [FEC Annual Reports from 1975-2006](#) are now available on the website. Beginning in 2007, the Commission consolidated its Annual Report with its [Performance and Accountability Report \(PAR\)](#) to provide a single account of the agency's activities for each fiscal year.

The 2012 edition of [Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations](#) can be downloaded from the website. To order printed copies, call (800)424-9530 (press 6) or send an email to info@fec.gov.

[Instructional videos](#) are available on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/FECTube?feature=watch>. These videos are also available on the Commission's E-Learning resources page at <http://www.fec.gov/info/elearning.shtml>.

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