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COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

No Commission open meetings or executive sessions were scheduled this week.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

Drafts

[AO 2013-18 \(Revolution Messaging, LLC\)](#). On November 26, the Commission made public [two drafts](#) of Advisory Opinion 2013-18 from Revolution Messaging. The requestor asks whether the proposed mobile phone banner advertisements are exempt from the disclaimer requirement of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Comments on the drafts are due by noon on December 4.

[AO 2013-19 \(Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.\)](#). On November 26, the Commission made public [two drafts](#) of Advisory Opinion 2013-19 in response to a request from Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. The requestor asks whether it may solicit contributions to its separate segregated fund from the executive and administrative personnel of the dealers and service centers that sell and service Yamaha's marine products, and from such dealers and service centers that are individuals or partnerships. Comments on the drafts are due by noon on December 4.

ENFORCEMENT

The Commission made public one closed case and one Statement of Reasons, as follows. For more information, see the case documents in the [Enforcement Query System](#).

[MUR 6621](#)

COMPLAINANT: Genevieve S. Wallace

RESPONDENTS: American Hotel & Lodging Association; and American Hotel & Lodging Association Political Action Committee and Joori Jeon, in her official capacity as treasurer

SUBJECT: The complaint alleged that (1) contributions were solicited to the American Hotel & Lodging Association Political Action Committee and Jeon, in her official capacity as treasurer,

(HotelPAC) from persons who were not in the restricted class of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) or the Broadmoor Hotel, a corporate member of AHLA, and (2) Broadmoor Golf Club members who were thus solicited were not informed of the political purpose of HotelPAC and their right to refuse to contribute without reprisal.

DISPOSITION: The Commission entered into a conciliation agreement providing for the American Hotel & Lodging Association and HotelPAC to pay a civil penalty of \$9,000. Commissioners Caroline C. Hunter and Matthew S. Petersen issued a [Statement of Reasons](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

The Commission made public six campaign finance enforcement matters that were resolved through its Administrative Fines (AF) program, as follows. For more information, see the case documents in the [Enforcement Query System](#).

[AF 2591](#) – Modica for Senate and Julien Modica, in his official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$10,725.

[AF 2714](#) – Jesse Jackson, Jr. for Congress and Vickie Pasley, in her official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$7,150.

[AF 2718](#) – Kenneth Sanders for Congress Committee and the Office of the Treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$1,237.

[AF 2720](#) – Lamar Sternad for Congress and Justin Lamar Sternad, in his official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$1,237.

[AF 2728](#) – Modica for Senate and Julien Modica, in his official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$12,512.

[AF 2738](#) – Wilson 2012 and Mary F. Graetzer, in her official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$113.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Commission made public three campaign finance enforcement matters that were resolved through its Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program, as follows. For more information, see the case documents in the [Enforcement Query System](#).

[ADR 642](#)– Hardworking Americans Committee and Randall Thompson, in his official capacity as treasurer. The respondent agreed to (1) develop and certify implementation of compliance measures, (2) send a representative to an FEC conference, (3) and pay a civil penalty of \$2,000.

[ADR 644](#)– Freedom and Liberty PAC and Michael D. Edmunds, in his official capacity as treasurer. The Commission closed the file.

[ADR 657](#)– American Jobs and Growth Alliance and David W. Staudt, in his official capacity as treasurer. The respondent agreed to (1) send a representative to an FEC conference, (2) and pay a civil penalty of \$1,750.

LITIGATION

[Combat Veterans for Congress PAC v. FEC](#) (Case 1:11-cv-02168 (CKK)). On November 26, the plaintiffs filed a [Notice of Appeal](#) to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS

December 3: The Commission is scheduled to hold an [executive session](#).

December 5: The Commission is scheduled to hold an [open meeting](#).

UPCOMING REPORTING DUE DATES

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

January 31, 2014: Year-end Reports are due. For more information on reporting dates, refer to the [2013 Reporting Dates 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](http://www.youtube.com/user/FECTube?feature=watch) 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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