COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

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

ADVISORY OPINIONS

Request Received

**AOR 2014-09 (REED Marketing).** On July 14, the Commission made public Advisory Opinion Request 2014-09. The requestor asks about the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act), and Commission regulations to the requestor's proposal to market an affinity credit card program to national party committees. The Commission must issue a response no later than 60 days after receipt of the complete request, or specifically by September 2, 2014.

**AOR 2014-10 (Joan Farr).** On July 17, the Commission made public Advisory Opinion Request 2014-10. Joan Farr, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, asks whether her principal campaign committee may purchase copies of a book written by Ms. Farr for distribution to her contributors and supporters. The Commission must issue a response no later than 60 days after receipt of the complete request, or by September 12, 2014.

ENFORCEMENT

The Commission made public two closed cases, as follows. For more information, see the case documents in the [Enforcement Query System](http://www.fec.gov).

**MUR 6520**
COMPLAINANT: Marguerite De Santis
RESPONDENTS: National Association of Realtors; Massachusetts Association of Realtors; and Berkshire County Board of Realtors
SUBJECT: The complaint alleged that the increase of membership dues by the National Association of Realtors (NAR), Massachusetts Association of Realtors (MAR) and Berkshire County Board of Realtors (the Board) in order to fund NAR’s lobbying and political activities, including independent expenditures, was coercive.

DISPOSITION: The Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion and dismissed the matter in light of the specific conduct alleged in the matter, including the payment of standard dues to a voluntary membership organization in exchange for services the complainant deemed beneficial to her business, and in consideration of Commission priorities.

MUR 6749
COMPLAINANT: Cheryl Sullenger, Operation Rescue
RESPONDENTS: Trust Women PAC and Amber L. Lockner, in her official capacity as treasurer; South Wind Women’s Center, LLC; and Julie Burkhart
SUBJECT: The complaint alleged that Trust Women PAC and Lockner, in her official capacity as treasurer, used its funds and resources to operate a for-profit business, the South Wind Women’s Center, LLC (the Clinic), by making a direct loan to the Clinic and by purchasing goods for use by the Clinic. The complaint alleged further that the Clinic’s repayment of the direct loan and in-kind purchases were corporate or excessive contributions to the Committee, and that the Committee made numerous reporting errors.

DISPOSITION: The Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion and dismissed the matter in light of the specific conduct and the small dollar amounts at issue, and in consideration of Commission priorities. The Commission sent a letter reminding the Committee of the Commission’s disclosure requirements and reminding it to correct its cash-on-hand balances on its disclosure reports from 2011 through 2014.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Commission made public one campaign finance enforcement matter that was resolved through its Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program, as follows. For more information, see the case documents in the Enforcement Query System.

ADR 713 – Linthicum for Congress and Lisa A. Emard, in her official capacity as treasurer. The Commission dismissed the case.

LITIGATION


Stop Reckless Economic Instability caused by Democrats, et al. v. FEC (Case 1:14-cv-00397-AJT-IDD). On July 17, the Commission filed its Combined Response in Partial Opposition to Plaintiffs’ Motion for Voluntary Dismissal and Motion to Amend or Supplement the Complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

OUTREACH
On July 17, Vice Chair Ann M. Ravel discussed the role and work of the Commission at the 2014 Congressional Summer Intern Lecture Series.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE


CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

July 15: July Quarterly Reports were due. For more information on quarterly reporting dates, refer to the 2014 Quarterly Reporting page of the Commission website.

UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS

July 22: The Commission is scheduled to hold an executive session.

July 23: The Commission is scheduled to hold an open meeting.

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS


UPCOMING REPORTING DUE DATES

July 20: July Monthly Reports are due. For more information on monthly reporting dates, refer to the 2014 Monthly Reporting page of the Commission website

OTHER RESOURCES

The 2014 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 2014 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.

The 2013 Legislative Recommendations are available on the Commission’s website.


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 Record news articles published 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.

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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