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## Weekly Digest Week of September 1 – 5

### COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

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

### ADVISORY OPINIONS

#### Requests Received

[AOR 2014-14 \(Trammell\)](#). On September 3, 2014, the Commission made public Advisory Opinion Request 2014-14. Professor Jack Trammell is a candidate for the United States House of Representatives, and he asks whether his employer, Randolph-Macon College, may continue to pay its share of his fringe benefits while he is on unpaid leave in order to campaign. Trammell requests expedited consideration of his Advisory Opinion Request pursuant to the Commission's [Advisory Opinion Procedure](#).

[AOR 2014-15 \(Brat\)](#). On September 3, 2014, the Commission made public Advisory Opinion Request 2014-15. Professor David Brat is a candidate for the United States House of Representatives, and he asks whether his employer, Randolph-Macon College, may continue to pay its share of his fringe benefits while he is on unpaid leave in order to campaign. Brat requests expedited consideration of his Advisory Opinion Request pursuant to the Commission's [Advisory Opinion Procedure](#).

### ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

The Commission made public two 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 2636](#) – Garcia for Congress and Swati Patel, in her official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$15,220.

[AF 2790](#) – Texans for Lamar Smith and Pike Powers, in his official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$2,890.

## LITIGATION

[Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington \(CREW\) v. FEC](#) (No. 11-cv-00951(CKK)). On September 5, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued a [Memorandum Opinion](#) and [Order](#), awarding the plaintiff \$500 in costs and \$153,258.98 in fees.

## LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS

[FECA Moves from Title 2 to Title 52 of the United States Code](#). As of September 1, 2014, federal campaign finance laws (currently found in 2 U.S.C. § 431, *et seq.*) have been consolidated with other laws governing voting and elections in the new title 52 of the United States Code. The FEC will compile and distribute a new version of our "[Orange Book](#)" to reflect the changes.

## OUTREACH

On September 5-7, Vice Chair Ann M. Ravel attended the California Political Attorneys Association conference and spoke about the work of the Commission.

## PRESS RELEASES

[FEC Cites Committee for Failure to File 12-Day Pre-Primary Financial Report](#) (issued September 5)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Public Forum on Website Improvement](#). The FEC's Public Forum on Website Improvement is scheduled for September 17. In partnership with 18F, a newly formed organization within the General Services Administration (GSA), the FEC has launched a website redesign effort to improve the public's access to campaign finance data, guidance and regulations, and filing information. An open discussion with Commissioners and senior staff will be held from 10:00-12:00 pm, and working group breakout sessions with Commission staff moderated by 18F will meet from 1:00-3:00 pm. Space is limited; if you would like to participate in person, please email us at [websiteforum@fec.gov](mailto:websiteforum@fec.gov). Alternatively, you may listen to the open discussion through a live audio feed available on [FEC.gov](http://FEC.gov), which requires no pre-registration.

## UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS

September 9: The Commission is scheduled to hold an [executive session](#).

September 11: The previously scheduled open meeting was cancelled.

Meeting dates are subject to change. Please contact the Press Office the week of the scheduled meeting for confirmation.

## **UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

October 1, 2014, Federal Election Commission, Washington, DC. *Webinar on October Quarterly Reporting for Candidate Committees*. Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

October 1, 2014, Federal Election Commission, Washington, DC. *Webinar on FEC Filing for Candidate Committees*. Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

October 8, 2014, Federal Election Commission, Washington, DC. *Webinar and In-Person Workshop on October Reporting for PACs and Party Committees*. Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

October 8, 2014, Federal Election Commission, Washington, DC. *Webinar and In-Person Workshop on FEC Filing for PACs and Party Committees*. Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

## **UPCOMING REPORTING DUE DATES**

September 20: September Monthly Reports are due. For more information on monthly reporting dates, refer to the [2014 Monthly Reporting page](#) of the Commission website.

October 15: Quarterly Reports are due. For information on quarterly reporting dates, refer to the [2014 Quarterly 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](mailto:info@fec.gov).

The [2013 Legislative Recommendations](#) are available on the Commission's website.

The 2014 edition of the [Federal Election Commission Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees](#) is now available on the Commission's website.

The August 2013 edition of the [Federal Election Commission Campaign Guide for Political Party Committees](#) is 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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