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Weekly Digest

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COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

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

ENFORCEMENT

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

[MUR 6867](#)

COMPLAINANT: FEC-Initiated

RESPONDENT: Robert M. Telthorst

SUBJECT: In the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Commission initiated proceedings to determine whether Telthorst, the former treasurer of the Lynn Jenkins for Congress Committee (the Committee), knowingly and willfully violated the Act, when he mixed the Committee's funds with his personal funds, failed to file accurate reports with the Commission and converted campaign funds to personal use.

DISPOSITION: The Commission found reason to believe Telthorst knowingly and willfully violated the Act and agreed to accept a conciliation agreement that contains admissions of violations but does not provide for payment of a civil penalty due to Telthorst's demonstration of financial hardship.

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 739](#) – Lynn Jenkins for Congress and Heather Grote, in her official capacity as treasurer. The respondent agreed to develop and certify implementation of internal controls consistent with the Commission's Internal Controls and Political Committees advisory document and Best Practices for Committee Management.

LITIGATION

[Van Hollen v. FEC](#) (Case 15-5016). On April 10, the Appellants [Center for Individual Freedom](#) and [Hispanic Leadership Fund](#) filed Briefs in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. On April 16, Amicus Curiae Cause of Action Institute filed a [Brief Supporting Appellants for Reversal](#).

OUTREACH

On April 11, Chair Ann M. Ravel delivered the keynote address to the Yale Political Law Society's conference. The conference, entitled "The New Normal in Election and Political Law," was held at the Yale Law School in Connecticut.

April 14: The Commission hosted an open house in the Public Records Office to mark the agency's 40th anniversary.

On April 16, Commissioner Ellen L. Weintraub discussed campaign finance laws with students from Columbia Law School in New York and spoke at an event presented by the Center for the Advancement of Public Integrity entitled "The Ins and Outs (and Ups and Downs) of Campaign Finance Reform and Enforcement."

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

April 15: April Quarterly Reports were due. For information on quarterly reporting dates, refer to the [2015 Quarterly Reporting page](#) of the Commission website.

PRESS RELEASES

[FEC Marks Forty-Year Anniversary With Open House, Interactive Timeline](#) (issued April 14)

UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

April 21 and 23: The Commission is scheduled to hold an [executive session](#).

April 23: 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 EVENTS

May 12: Chair Ann M. Ravel will host a [Public Forum on Women in Politics](#) to begin an open discussion with scholars, social scientists, political practitioners and the public on the significant under-representation of women in politics at all levels of government. The event is free and open to the public. If you would like to attend the forum in person or participate via webcast, or if you are unable to attend but would like to submit written comments, please email CommissionerRavel@fec.gov. The [event's website](#) will have updates on the event and information about participating online.

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

April 29: Webinar for Trade Association PACs. Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

UPCOMING REPORTING DUE DATES

April 20: April Monthly Reports are due. For more information on monthly reporting dates, refer to the [2015 Monthly Reporting page](#) of the Commission website.

OTHER RESOURCES

The [2015 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 2015 edition of the Federal Election Campaign Finance Laws is available on the Commission [website](#) and [in print](#). The compilation contains all federal campaign finance laws (including a conversion table showing the recent changes from Title 2 U.S.C. to Title 52 U.S.C.). To order a copy at no charge, contact the Commission's Information Division at (800) 424-9530 (press 6, when prompted) or email info@fec.gov.

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 [2014 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 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.

The Commission has published the [2015 Record Index](#) page. An [index](#) to previously published Record news articles 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 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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