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Weekly Digest

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COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

The [open audit hearing](#) on Gary Johnson 2012, Inc. previously scheduled for May 6 was postponed until May 13.

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

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 2867](#) – Buncombe County Republican Party and Katharine L. Penland, in her official capacity as treasurer. The Commission voted to take no further action and close the file.

[AF 2871](#) – Sarvis for Senate and Josef Storm, in his official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$522.

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 745](#) – Democratic Party of Illinois and Michael Kasper, in his official capacity as treasurer. The respondent agreed to (1) perform an internal review of Committee procedures and certify that the Committee is operating in accordance with its compliance operations manual and (2) pay a civil penalty of \$6,200.

AUDITS

[Final Audit Report of the Commission on the Republican Party of Orange County \(Federal\) \(RPOC\)](#). On May 5, the Commission issued the Final Audit Report of the Commission on the RPOC, covering campaign finance activity between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010. The Commission approved findings related to misstatement of financial activity, reporting of debts and obligations, recordkeeping for employees, and the use of Levin Fund transfers.

LITIGATION

[Independence Institute v. FEC](#) (Case 14-5249). On April 15, Citizens United, Citizens United Foundation, U.S. Justice Foundation, Free Speech Coalition, Free Speech Defense and Education Fund, and Conservative Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a [Brief Amicus Curiae in Support of Appellant and Reversal](#) in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

OUTREACH

On May 4, Chair Ann M. Ravel discussed Commission operations and campaign finance law with the Asan Academy's Young Fellows. The South Korean college students are participating in a 10-month long program of training and overseas internships, aimed at fostering the next generation of leaders.

On May 7, Commissioner Ellen Weintraub discussed campaign finance since Citizens United along with Zephyr Teachout, Jeff Clements, and Dan Weiner at an event sponsored by the Brennan Center at NYU Law School.

UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

May 13: The Commission is scheduled to hold an [open audit hearing](#) on Gary Johnson 2012, Inc.

May 19: The Commission is scheduled to hold an [executive session](#).

May 21: The Commission is scheduled to hold an [executive session](#) and an [open meeting](#).

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12: Chair 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

May 13: Webinar for Party Committees. Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

June 3: Webinar for Campaign Committees. Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

UPCOMING REPORTING DUE DATES

May 20: May 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 2015 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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