



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

FEC  
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE  
RESOLUTION OFFICE

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Case Number ADR 118  
Source MUR 5324  
Case Name Columbiana County  
Republican Central Committee

### NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by a signed, sworn and notarized complaint filed by Margaret Cartier on behalf of the Ted Strickland for Congress Committee. Following a review of the record and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the FECA"), and to resolve this matter, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") entered into negotiations with Alfred S. Fricano, treasurer of the Columbiana County Republican Central Committee ("CCRCC"), on behalf of the CCRCC ("the Respondents"). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission

Negotiations between the Commission and the Respondents have addressed all the issues raised in this matter. The parties have agreed to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

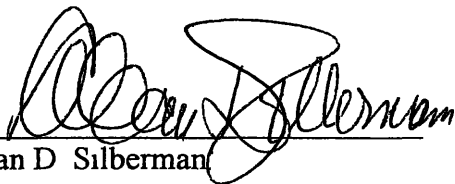
1. The Commission has entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the Federal Election Campaign Act and in an effort to promote compliance with the FECA on the part of the Respondents. The Commission's use of ADR procedures is authorized in "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996", 5 U.S.C. § 572 and is an extension of 2 U.S.C. § 437g.
2. The Respondents have voluntarily entered into this agreement with the Commission.
3. The complaint alleges that in June 2002 the Columbiana County (Ohio) Republican Central Committee contributed \$8,000 to the Halleck for Congress campaign exceeding the limit permitted by the FECA.
4. The Columbiana County (Ohio) Republican Central Committee, a non registered local party committee, acknowledged making an \$8,000 contribution to the Halleck Committee. A week before the complaint was filed, the Halleck Committee returned \$7,000 to the CCRCC.
5. No person, including a committee or association, shall make contributions to any candidate and his authorized political committees with respect to any election for Federal office, which in the aggregate, exceeds \$1,000 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A)

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- 6 In order to resolve this matter and avoid violating Federal election campaign regulations in the future, the CCRCC agrees to: (1) select a Committee representative to attend a FEC sponsored workshop on federal campaign regulations within twelve months of the effective date of this agreement; (2) to establish and maintain in its offices a file on FEC regulations to provide guidance to the Committee on matters pertaining to Federal election campaign activity including material governing Committee contributions to Federal election campaigns; and (3) to pay a civil penalty of \$500
7. The parties agree that if the Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
8. This agreement will become effective on the date signed by all the parties and approved by the Commission Respondents shall comply with the terms of this settlement within thirty days of the effective date of the agreement.
9. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 118/MUR 5324 and effectively resolves this matter. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included in herein, shall be enforceable.

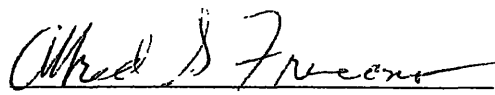
FOR THE COMMISSION

Allan D. Silberman,  
Director Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

  
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6/5/03  
Date

FOR THE RESPONDENTS

  
Alfred S Fricano, Treasurer  
Columbiana County Republican  
Central Committee

4/30/03  
Date

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