



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

December 7, 2006

Honorable Ralph M. Hall, Esq.
Hall for Congress Committee
P.O. Box 711
Rockwall, TX 75087

Re: ADR #318
Hall for Congress Committee and J. Blakeley Hall, Treasurer

Dear Congressman Hall:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on February 27, 2006 with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") against Hall for Congress Committee and J. Blakeley Hall, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 318 (RR 05L-21) was approved by the Commission on November 28, 2006 – the effective date of the agreement.

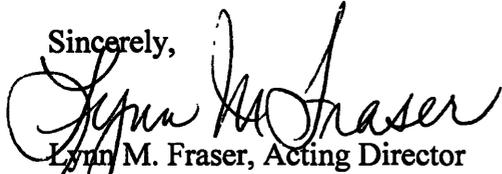
Note that paragraph 9 of the agreement specifies that Respondents shall comply with the terms of this settlement within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondents' compliance with the terms listed in paragraph 6 of the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 6.

As you are aware, the settlement agreement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the referral, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our entry into settlement negotiations and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. The Commission is obliged by Federal statute to place on the public record documents in closed enforcement and alternative dispute resolution cases; accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

This agreement resolves the matter that was initiated by the Commission pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities regarding violations of federal election campaign laws. I appreciate

your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,



Lynn M. Fraser, Acting Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

Enclosure: Agreement

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Case Number: ADR 318
Source: RR 05L-21
Case Name: Hall for Congress

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. Following review of the matter, and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("FECA") and resolve this matter, the Commission entered into negotiations with Ralph Hall representing Hall for Congress and J. Blakeley Hall, in her official capacity as Treasurer ("the Committee" or "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 Respondents addressed the issues raised in this referral. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures ("ADR") 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. Respondents voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. RAD referred Respondents for failing to timely disclose all financial activity on the Committee's 2004 April Quarterly Report. Respondents filed the original 2004 April Quarterly Report on April 14, 2004. On July 15, 2004, the Commission received an amended 2004 April Quarterly Report, which disclosed additional disbursements totaling \$284,563.37. On October 15, 2004, Respondents filed a second amended 2004 April Quarterly Report, but that amendment disclosed no additional financial activity.
4. The FECA requires that authorized committees report all disbursements for the reporting period, and, except for itemized and unitemized breakdowns, for the election cycle. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(4), 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b).
5. Respondents acknowledge an inadvertent violation of FECA, due to miscommunication between a campaign consultant and the Committee. Respondents contend that as soon as the omission was noted, the Amended 2004 April Quarterly Report was filed.

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6. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to: (a) develop and maintain a FEC compliance desk reference manual; and (b) pay a civil penalty of \$1,000.
7. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they sign this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
8. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may submit any unpaid civil penalty to the U.S. Treasury for collection, or undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
9. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this agreement.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 318 (RR 05L-21), and effectively resolves the issues identified in paragraph 3 above. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lynn Fraser, Acting Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office



11-27-06
Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Ralph M. Hall, Esq.
Representing the Hall For Congress Committee
and J. Blakeley Hall, Treasurer

11-14-06
Date Signed

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