



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

March 23, 2010

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer
Acting Staff Director

FROM: Patricia Carmona *PC*
Chief Compliance Officer

Lynn M. Fraser *LMF*
Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 529 New Hampshire Democratic Party and David Pierce, Treasurer,
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

RESOLUTION TERMS: Send a representative to a FEC conference; have the representative meet with RAD staff to go over reporting issues; develop and implement a process for a quarterly internal compliance overview for staff training; appoint a financial activity specialist; develop and implement a system to track receipt and response for all communications with the Commission; and pay a civil penalty of \$2,000.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 529 (RAD 09L-47). The ADR Office received this referral on December 4, 2009.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division referred the New Hampshire Democratic Party and David Pierce, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for cumulative errors during the 2008 election cycle. Some of the errors involved mathematical discrepancies, missing schedules, failures to itemize disbursements, as well as Federal Election Activity/Levin fund issues. The Committee, in response, explained that the errors and omissions occurred during a staff transition following the abrupt departure of the individual who filed the FEC reports.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of the New Hampshire Democratic Party and David Pierce, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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