



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

May 25, 2010

E. Mark Braden, Esq.
Baker Hostetler LLP
1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20036

Re: ADR 534 (RAD 10L-01)
Stivers for Congress and J. Matthew Yuskewich, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Braden:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the referral initiated on January 14, 2010 by the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") involving Stivers for Congress and J. Matthew Yuskewich, Treasurer ("Respondents"). **The agreement for ADR 534 (RAD 10L-01) was approved by the Commission on May 24, 2010, the effective date of the agreement.**

Note the specific time frames for compliance in paragraph 6 of the agreement. **Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with the terms listed in the aforementioned agreement.** The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 6 and contain the ADR caption and case number. The civil penalty payment should be sent to the attention of the Accounting/Finance Office of the FEC. The civil penalty under the agreement is due on or before June 23, 2010. Please put the ADR case number on the civil penalty check to ensure crediting to the correct case.

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 complaint/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,



Krista J. Roche
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

Enclosure: Negotiated Settlement

cc: Chris Wedderburn, Finance and Accounting Office



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

Case Number: ADR 534
Source: RAD 10L-01
Case Name: Stivers 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 E. Mark Braden, Esq., representing Stivers for Congress and J. Matthew Yuskewich, in his 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:

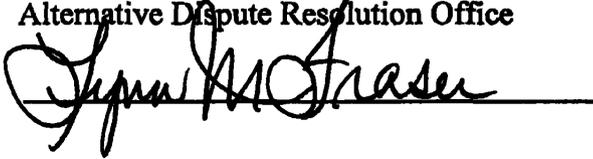
1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures (ADR) is guided by "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 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. The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Respondents for failing to disclose all financial activity on their 2008 October Quarterly Report. On July 9, 2009, the Committee filed an Amended 2008 October Quarterly Report that disclosed additional disbursements totaling \$158,387.36.
4. Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity, including all disbursements, pursuant to the FECA. 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(a)(1), 434(b)(4), 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.1, 104.3(b).
5. Respondents acknowledge there was an omission of a single wire transfer on the 2008 Quarterly Report. The wire transfer was for a media buy. Respondents contend that J. Matthew Yuskewich was not Treasurer in 2008, and was hired as the new Treasurer along with an experienced accounting firm to ensure future compliance.
6. Respondents, in an effort to avoid similar errors in the future, agree to: (a) develop and implement a compliance operations manual for staff reference within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement; (b) appoint a compliance specialist within thirty (30)

days of the effective date of this agreement; (c) draft and implement internal controls procedures consistent with the Commission's Internal Controls Policy (2007) within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement; and (d) pay a civil penalty of \$2,000 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement.

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 of this agreement as set out in paragraph 6 above.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on A D R 534 (RAD 10L-01), and resolves those 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 M. Fraser, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office



5/21/2010
Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:



E. Mark Braden, Esq.
Representing Stivers for Congress and
J. Matthew Yuskewich, Treasurer
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May 5 2010
Date Signed

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