



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

APR 29 2004

Don Howarth, Esq.
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Howarth & Smith
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Re: MUR 5366 (Howarth & Smith)

Dear Mr. and Ms. Smith:

On June 6, 2003, the Federal Election Commission notified you and Howarth & Smith of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On April 14, 2004, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by you that there is no reason to believe that you and Howarth & Smith violated the Act in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to you and Howarth & Smith.

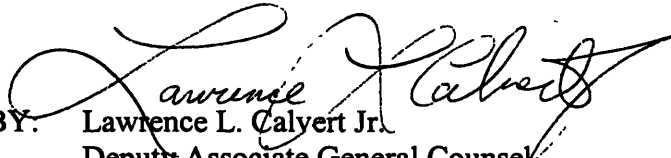
The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed, at which time you will be sent a copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report.

If you have any questions, please contact Brant Levine, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1572.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

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