

2021 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Clayton Byrd

Clayton Byrd's audit report contains no findings.

EMPLOYER(S)

- 50CAN Action Fund Inc. – dba TennesseeCAN Action Fund
- Amazon.com Services LLC
- Delta Dental of TN
- DRD Management Inc.
- IGolfVirtual LLC
- Metro Nashville Government
- Propst Development LLC
- Tennessee American Water
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Tennessee Oncology PLLC
- TN Secondary School Athletic Assn.
- TN Trucking Association
- Wine and Spirit Wholesalers of TN

REGISTRATION(S)

Clayton Byrd registered as a lobbyist for thirteen employers during 2021. Based on the audit documentation, Clayton Byrd timely registered twelve of thirteen lobbying relationships. Details of the remaining registration which appears to be one day late per the agreement, are being provided for the TEC Members consideration. However, no finding is being presented, as the registration one day late appears to be the result of a system error that was properly documented, not the failure of the lobbyist to comply with the lobbying statutes.

Propst Development LLC

Clayton Byrd worked for a firm that contracted with the Propst Development LLC for lobbying services for 2021. The provided records indicate the lobbying relationship requiring registration commenced on February 8, 2021. Thus, registration should have been by February 15, 2021, to be within seven days as required by statute. The lobbyist did not register until February 16, 2021, one day late. However, the lobbyist also provided records to show that on February 15, 2021, the firm contacted the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance about having issue getting the lobbyist registered in the online system. The communication continued through February 16, 2021. Based on the registration occurring on February 16, 2021, it appears the filing issue was resolved. Based on the data provided the lobbyist on the agreement and the actual registration date the lobbyist maybe technically one day late based on the seven-day requirement; however, it appears the lobbyist made proper attempts to register and document the reason the registration was one day late. As such a finding of non-compliance was not presented in the audit.

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Clayton Byrd paid all registration fees

LOBBYING AGREEMENTS

Amazon.com Services LLC only

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided and for a portion of the year, Clayton Byrd was a direct employee of this employer. The employer had no employment

contract with the lobbyist employee. However, per statements of the lobbyist, the employer and review of the job description, it appears the terms of employment were within the statutes for lobbying activities including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

All other employers (12 of 13)

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided and for a portion of the year, Clayton Byrd was a contracted lobbyist employed by a firm. The firm had a written contracts or letters of understanding with each employer. The terms of the contracts appear to be within the statutes for lobbying activities including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Clayton Byrd reported no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

TRAINING

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Clayton Byrd completed the required lobbyist training for the 2021 registration year and paid all training fees.