

2016 Lobbyist Registration Audit of John Lyell

FINDING(S)

John Lyell failed to timely register for six of his employers (See Registrations section).

EMPLOYER(S)

- AFLAC
- Delta Dental of TN
- Tax Management Associates, Inc.
- Tennessee Electronic Security Assn.
- Tennessee Society of Anesthesiologists
- TN Automotive Assn.
- TN Football, Inc.
- TN Health Care Assn.

REGISTRATION(S)

Mr. Lyell registered as a lobbyist for eight employers during 2015. Based on the audit documentation, Mr. Lyell is a contract lobbyist, who contracted with each of his employers in 2016. He was also registered as their lobbyist also in 2015, thus the lobbyist had a continuing lobbying relationship with each employer. Therefore, the lobbyist was required to register within seven days of the commencement of the year which is January 8, 2016 for each employer. Based on the audit documentation, Mr. Lyell timely registered his lobbying relationship with two employers. However, Mr. Lyell did not register until January 11, 2016 for the other six employers, which is 3 days late. Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Mr. Lyell paid all registration fees. Based on the dates of registration, the lobbyist appears to have registered the Monday after the Friday deadline of January 8, 2017.

LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Mr. Lyell, he was a contracted lobbyist. He had a written contracts or letters of understanding with each employer. The terms of the contract 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

Mr. Lyell reported he had 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, Mr. Lyell completed his required lobbyist training for the 2016 registration year and paid all training fees.