

## **2017 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Courtney Atnip**

### **FINDING(S)**

**Courtney Atnip failed to timely register for six of her employers** (See Registrations section).

### **EMPLOYER(S)**

- Baxter Healthcare Corporation
- City of Memphis
- Forensic Medical Management Services, PLC
- Middle Tennessee Detention Center, LLC
- Sanorbix, LLC
- Tennessee Alliance for Children and Families
- Tennessee Association of Realtors
- Tennessee Funeral Directors Association, Inc.
- Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance
- Tennessee Oncology Practice Society
- The Neuro-Spine Committee
- TML Risk Management Pool, Inc.
- TN Assn. of Human Resource Agencies
- TN Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- TN Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers
- TN Disability Coalition
- TN Group Practice Coalition
- TN Mental Health Consumers Assn.
- TN Public and Teaching Hospital Assn.
- Wayne Halfway House, Inc.
- Wellmont Health System

### **REGISTRATION(S)**

Ms. Atnip works for a firm which contracts to provide lobbying services for several clients. Ms. Atnip registered as a lobbyist for twenty-one employers during 2017. Based on the audit documentation, Ms. Atnip timely registered her lobbying relationships with fifteen employers. The remaining six relationships appear to have been registered late. The details of these registrations are in the subsequent paragraphs.

#### **Sanorbix, LLC**

The firm contracted with Sanorbix, LLC to provide lobbying services. The client is a new lobbyist client for the firm in 2017. The contract for 2017 established a lobbying relationship on February 13, 2017, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by February 20, 2017. Ms. Atnip appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Ms. Atnip registered for the client on March 2, 2017, 10 days late.

#### **Tennessee Alliance for Children and Families**

The firm also contracted with Tennessee Alliance for Children and Families to provide lobbying services. The client was a continuing client from 2016 for the firm. Ms. Atnip appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Therefore, Ms. Atnip was required to register within seven days of the start of the year, January 8, 2017. Ms. Atnip did not register until January 20, 2017, 12 days late.

### Tennessee Funeral Directors Association, Inc.

The firm contracted with Tennessee Funeral Directors Association, Inc. to provide lobbying services. The client was a continuing client from 2016 for the firm. Ms. Atnip appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Therefore, Ms. Atnip was required to register within seven days of the start of the year, January 8, 2017. Ms. Atnip did not register until February 22, 2017, 45 days late.

### Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance

The firm contracted with Tennessee Infrastructure Alliance to provide lobbying services. The client is a new lobbyist client for the firm in 2017. The contract for 2017 established a lobbying relationship on January 31, 2017, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by February 7, 2017. Ms. Atnip appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Ms. Atnip registered for the client on February 8, 2017, 1 day late.

### Tennessee Oncology Practice Society

The firm contracted with Tennessee Oncology Practice Society to provide lobbying services. The client is a new lobbyist client for the firm in 2017. The contract for 2017 established a lobbying relationship on July 1, 2017, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by July 8, 2017. Ms. Atnip appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Ms. Atnip registered for the client on September 14, 2017, 68 days late.

### TN Mental Health Consumers Assn.

Finally, the firm contracted with TN Mental Health Consumers Assn. to provide lobbying services. The client was a continuing client from 2016 for the firm. Ms. Atnip appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Therefore, Ms. Atnip was required to register within seven days of the start of the year, January 8, 2017. Ms. Atnip did not register until January 25, 2017, 17 days late.

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Ms. Atnip paid all registration fees.

### **LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)**

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Ms. Atnip, she was a contracted lobbyist employed by a firm. The firm had written contracts or letters of understanding with each employer. The terms of these documents 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**

Ms. Atnip reported she 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, Ms. Atnip completed her required lobbyist training for the 2017 registration year and paid all training fees.