

## **2017 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Brenda Gadd**

### **FINDING(S)**

**Brenda Gadd failed to timely register for her employer (See Registrations section).**

### **EMPLOYER(S)**

- Tennessee Bar Association

### **REGISTRATION(S)**

Ms. Gadd registered as a lobbyist for one employer during 2017. Based on the audit documentation, Ms. Gadd was a direct employee of Tennessee Bar Association with duties that included lobbying during 2017. She was also registered as a lobbyist in 2016, thus the lobbyist had a continuing lobbying relationship with her employer. Therefore, the lobbyist should have registered within seven days of the commencement of the year which is January 8, 2016. Ms. Gadd did not register until January 10, 2017, 2 days late. Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Ms. Gadd paid all registration fees.

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

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Ms. Gadd, she was a direct employee of the employer. The employer had no employment contract with the lobbyist employee. However, per statements of the lobbyist, her employer, and review of her 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.

### **FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Ms. Gadd 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. Gadd completed her required lobbyist training for the 2017 registration year and paid all training fees.