

2022 Lobbyist Registration Audit of MARTHA GENTRY

FINDING(S)

1. Martha Gentry failed to register for two employers timely.

EMPLOYER(S)

- Cigna Corporate Services, LLC
- Community Association Institute Tennessee Chapter
- Deere & Company
- Luxottica of America Inc. dba Lenscrafters/Pearl Vision
- Tennessee Automatic Merchandisers Association
- Wireless Infrastructure Association c/o MultiState Associates Inc.

REGISTRATION(S)

Martha Gentry registered as a lobbyist for six employers in 2022. Based on the audit documentation, Martha Gentry registered lobbying relationships with four of the six employers timely. The remaining two relationships appear to have been registered late. The details of these registrations are in the subsequent paragraphs.

Deere & Company

Martha Gentry contracted with Deere & Company for lobbying services for 2022. The lobbyist records and 2021 registration indicate that this is a continuing relationship. Thus, registration was required no later than January 10, 2022. Martha Gentry did not register until January 14, 2022, 4 days late.

NOTE: The Bureau's records also indicated that the Ethics Operations Officer noted that the employer had registered in January but that the lobbyist had yet to file. As such, the Ethics Operations Officer notified Martha Gentry concerning the one-sided registration on January 14, 2022. The lobbyist then completed the registration on January 14, 2022. Therefore, the lobbyist failed to register timely per the statute but corrected the error in a timely manner when notified by the Bureau's staff.

Luxottica of America Inc. dba Lenscrafters/Pearl Vision

Martha Gentry contracted with Luxottica of America Inc. dba Lenscrafters/Pearl Vision for lobbying services for 2022. The lobbyist records indicate the relationship was renewed in 2022 from the prior year. The records indicate the renewal established the 2022 relationship on January 6, 2022. Thus, the lobbyist should have registered on January 13, 2022. Martha Gentry did not register until January 14, 2022, 1 day late.

NOTE: The Bureau's records also indicated that the Ethics Operations Officer noted that the employer had registered in January but that the lobbyist had yet to file. As such, the Ethics Operations Officer notified Martha Gentry concerning the one-sided registration on January 14, 2022. The lobbyist then completed the registration on January 14, 2022. Therefore, the lobbyist

failed to register timely per the statute but corrected the error in a timely manner when notified by the Bureau's staff.

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

LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)

Based on a review of the audit documentation, Martha Gentry was a contracted lobbyist. Martha Gentry had written contracts or letters of understanding with each employer. The terms of each 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

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

TRAINING

Based on a review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Martha Gentry completed the required lobbyist training for the 2022 registration year and paid all training fees timely.