

2009 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Holly Salmons

FINDINGS

Ms. Salmons failed to timely register as a lobbyist for three employers (See Registrations section).

EMPLOYER

- AEP/Kingsport Power
- ALCOA Inc.
- American Pharmacy Cooperation Inc.
- Anheuser Busch Companies Inc.
- Bellsouth Telecommunications Inc D/B/A AT&T Tennessee
- College of American Pathologists
- Correction Corp. of America
- Eastman Chemical Co.
- Envirotech System Corp.
- Education 2020
- First Horizon National Corp.
- International Paper
- Lorillard Tobacco Co.
- McDonald's Corp.
- Merck Sharp & Dohme Corporation and its Affiliates
- Motorola
- Nissan North America
- Norfolk Southern Corp
- Outdoor Advertising of TN
- Polaris Industries
- Southeast Chapter American Concrete Pavement Association
- TN Fire Services Coalition
- TN Press Assn Inc.
- TN Public Transportation Assn
- TN Sprinkler Contractors Association
- TN Oncology Practice Society
- IteachUS

REGISTRATIONS

Ms. Salmons registered as a lobbyist for 27 employers during 2009. Ms. Salmons failed to timely register for three of her employers.

Ms. Salmons registered late for the following two employers with which she had a continuing lobbying agreement from 2008 and therefore was required to register for them for 2009 by December 22, 2008:

- Motorola on January 6, 2009, 15 days late.
- Tennessee Press Association Inc on March 5, 2009, 73 days late.
(The lobbyist also registered more than 7 days after the employer)

The lobbying relationship with College of American Pathologists is an agreement between the employer and a lobbying firm. Holly Salmons is a salaried employee of the lobbying firm. College of American Pathologists registered Ms. Salmons as their lobbyist on December 24, 2008. The lobbyist was required to register by December 31, 2008. Ms. Salmons registered on January 26, 2009, which is 26 days late.

LOBBYING AGREEMENTS

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Ms. Salmons and the lobbying firm for whom she is employed, Ms. Salmons is a full time employee of a lobbying firm that contracts with several employers. The lobbying agreements are between the employer and a lobbying firm. The lobbying firm provided a letter to indicate that Ms. Salmons compensation is not related to the agreements. The letter also stated Ms. Salmons has no ownership interest in the lobbying firm. Based on the letter, it appears the terms of employment are within the statutes for lobbying activities. In addition, as the lobbying agreement is not direct between the lobbyist and employer of the lobbyist it appears contingency payments directed to the registered lobbyist based on success are unlikely.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Ms. Salmons reported she had no business or family relationships with persons who are officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

TRAINING & FEES

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records Ms. Salmons completed her required lobbyist training for the 2009 registration year and paid all associated registration and training fees.

IN-STATE EVENTS

Ms. Salmons did not participate in paying the costs of any in-state events.