

2010 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Marcus Hash

FINDINGS

Mr. Marcus Hash failed to complete his required lobbyist training. (See Training & Fees section).

EMPLOYER

- TN Disability Coalition

REGISTRATIONS

Mr. Hash registered as a lobbyist for one employer during 2010. Based on the audit documentation, Mr. Hash timely registered his lobbying relationship with his employer.

LOBBYING AGREEMENTS

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Mr. Hash, he was a direct employee of the employer. The employer had no employment contract with the lobbyist employee. However, per statements of the lobbyist and a review of his 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

Mr. Hash reported he had no business or familial relationships with persons who were 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, Mr. Hash did not complete his required lobbyist training for the 2010 registration year. T.C.A. § 3-6-114(b) requires each registered lobbyist to complete an annual training course. The lobbyist completes the training online and prints a certification of completion when done. The lobbyist provides a copy of the certification to the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance to verify compliance. Mr. Hash does not have the certification on file for 2010, indicating the training was not completed.

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

LOBBYIST RESPONSE TO FINDING

After review of the lobbyist registration report by the lobbyist, Mr. Hash stated he did not retain a copy of the on-line training certificate to support that he had completed the course. However, he stated in a letter to the auditor that he was confident that he had completed the online ethics training course as required.