

2010 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Michael Warmlesley

FINDINGS

Mr. Michael Warmlesley failed to timely register as a lobbyist for two employers (See Registrations section).

EMPLOYER

- TN Disability Coalition
- Generations, Inc.
- TN Assn for Justice
- Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc d/b/a AT&T Tennessee
- TN Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition
- TN Taxpayers Assn.

REGISTRATIONS

Mr. Warmlesley registered as a lobbyist for six employers during 2010. Based on the audit documentation, Mr. Warmlesley failed to timely register for two of his employers.

The TN Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition had a contract agreement with the lobbyist with terms starting in January 2010. The lobbyist was contracted in the prior year and the agreement was signed January 5, 2010. The contract signature date appeared to be when a lobby relationship occurred that required registration by the lobbyist. Therefore, Mr. Warmlesley had to register by January 12, 2010 to be within seven days required by statute. The lobbyist did not register until February 20, 2010, 39 days late.

The TN Taxpayers Assn. negotiated contract agreement with the lobbyist, however, due to medical issues with the employer's executive director, a contract was never finalized and signed. However, both groups did register, the lobbyist on February 20, 2010 and the employer on February 1, 2010. Since no other date can be determined for when the lobbyist relationship commenced the seven days after the first registration date would appear to be the required registration date, which was February 8, 2010 (the employer registration date). The lobbyist did not register until February 20, 2010, 12 days late.

LOBBYING AGREEMENTS

Based on a review of the documentation provided by Mr. Warmlesley, he had a written contract with five clients. 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. One employment relationship had not made an official agreement in writing and therefore could not be determined as complying with all statutes for lobbying activities.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Mr. Warmlesley 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. Warmlesley completed his required lobbyist training for the 2010 registration year and paid all registration fees.