

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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 COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
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 IN THE MATTER OF:)
 COMPLAINT C2013-019)
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 Dennis Saylor,)
 Complainant;)
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 vs.)
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 Sue Roe,)
 Respondent.)
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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

CONSENT ORDER

STATE ETHICS
 COMMISSION

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This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Complainant, Dennis Saylor, on August 29, 2012. On November 28, 2012, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-320(10)(i)(Supp. 2011), the State Ethics Commission reviewed the above-captioned complaint charging the Respondent, Sue Roe, with a violation of Section 8-13-765 and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing.

Prior to the call of the case Respondent agreed to the entry of the following statements of fact, conclusions of law, discussion, admission, and disposition in this matter as follows.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Respondent, Sue Roe, was a candidate for re-election for Aiken County Probate Judge in an election held on November 6, 2012.
2. The Re-elect Sue Roe flyer from Respondent's web site does contain the address and telephone of the Aiken County Probate Judge's office.

3. Respondent advised that the campaign related advertisement available at her website was clearly a mistake made by her campaign. She advised that she would take immediate action to correct this error, which she did.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Sue Roe, was a candidate as defined by Section 8-13-1300(4).

2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.

3. Section 8-13-765(A) provides as follows:

(A) No person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a public official's use of an official residence.

4. Section 8-13-1346(A) provides as follows:

A person may not use or authorize the use of public funds, property, or time to influence the outcome of an election.

DISCUSSION

Being unaware that a violation existed does not change the fact that there was an ethics violation for which I am accountable. I regret that this occurred as it is an embarrassment to me.

ADMISSIONS

The Respondent, Sue Roe, admits she unintentionally violated Section 8-13-765 of the Ethics Reform Act.

Roe

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DISPOSITION

The State Ethics Commission hereby finds Sue Roe in violation, albeit unintentional, of Section 8-13-765, hereby adopts the Statement of Facts, Conclusions of Law, Discussion, Admissions, and Disposition as agreed upon by Respondent.

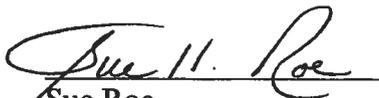
THEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission hereby issues this written warning to Sue Roe for her violation of Sections 8-13-765,

AND, in order to avoid future violations, orders Respondent Sue Roe to be vigilant in reviewing the Ethics Reform Act,

AND, orders her to pay an administrative fee of \$100.00 within thirty days of receipt of the signed order,

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH 2013.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION


Sue Roe
Respondent


PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.
CHAIR