

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
COMPLAINT C2014-078)

Lucinda Green,)
Respondent.)

CONSENT ORDER

State Ethics Commission,)
Complainant.)

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This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Commission on January 7, 2014. The complaint against the Respondent, Lucinda Green, was considered by the Commission on March 19, 2014, and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Prior to the call of the case, Respondent agreed to entry of the following statements of fact, conclusions of law, discussion, admission, and disposition in this matter as follows:

STATEMENTS OF FACT

1. The Respondent, Lucinda Green, was a candidate for Williamsburg County Clerk of Court in an election on November 6, 2012.

2. On March 12, 2012 Respondent accepted \$120.00 in cash and reported it on her April 12, 2012 Campaign Disclosure form (CD). On August 13, 2013 the Commission sent Respondent a letter informing her that anonymous contributions are prohibited by law and the letter instructed her to remit the contribution to the Children's Trust Fund. On September 18, 2013 the letter is sent certified. On October 15, 2013 the certified letter is returned as "Return to Sender - Unclaimed" and is re-mailed first class. After no response, the complaint was filed.

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3. On January 16, 2014 it was determined that the telephone number listed on the complaint is out of order. No new number could be located.

4. A Commission investigator contacted Respondent through the Williamsburg County Clerk of Court office. On January 24, 2014 Respondent stated she had remitted the \$120.00 in cash contributions to the Children's Trust Fund. She stated she would fax a copy of her receipt of payment. She further stated she would amend her final CD to accurately show her expenditure. She also stated that the money in question consisted of cash contributions of approximately \$10-15 each that she received from individuals at a campaign event.

5. On February 11, 2014 Respondent complied with the filing of her final CD.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Statement of Facts, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Lucinda Green, was a candidate, as defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 8-13-1300(4)(Supp. 2012).
2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.
3. Section 8-13-1324 provides in part that a candidate may not accept anonymous campaign contributions and if a the candidate does accept an anonymous campaign contribution, the candidate must remit the money to the Children's Trust Fund within seven days.

DISCUSSION

(Available for Respondent's benefit.)

ADMISSIONS

The Respondent, Lucinda Green, admits that she violated Section 8-13-1324.

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DISPOSITION

The State Ethics Commission hereby finds Lucinda Green in violation of Section 8-13-1324 of the Ethics Reform Act and hereby adopts the Statements of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Admissions, Discussion and Disposition as agreed upon by the Respondent.

THEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission hereby issues this written warning to Lucinda Green for violation of Section 8-13-1324 of the Ethics Reform Act and cautions her to be more mindful of the campaign finance laws if she should run for office again,

AND ORDERS her to pay a \$500.00 administrative fee within 30 days of receipt of this order,

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 21 DAY OF May 2014.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION



PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR. JAMES H BURNS
CHAIR



Lucinda Green

