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Hon. Mike Maggio
Circuit Judge
Twentieth Judicial Circuit - Division 2
Faulkner County Courthouse
801 Locust Street
Conway, Arkansas 72034

Re: Case No. 2014-CO-015

Dear Judge Maggio:

Please be advised that the Ethics Commission is in receipt of the written Offer of Settlement which you signed and returned to us along with a check for \$750. Pursuant to the terms of that offer, you have been issued a Public Letter of Caution and fined \$750. We are enclosing a copy of the public letter.

In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-218(b)(1)(C), this letter serves as notice of the Commission's final action together with the reasons for such action. In that regard, we note that the final action concerning this matter was the issuance of a Public Letter of Caution and the imposition of a fine in the amount of \$750.

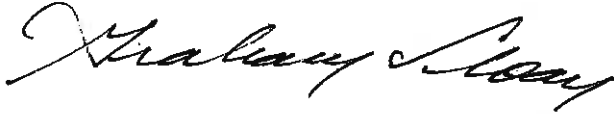
The foregoing action was taken as a result of your agreeing that the Commission make a finding that, in connection with your campaign for the Arkansas Court of Appeals during the 2014 election cycle, you violated Ark. Code Ann. § 7-6-203(a) by accepting campaign contributions in excess of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per election from any person.

Evidence gathered during the course of the investigation reflected that your campaign committee accepted a contribution from the Thomas Group PAC for \$250, the Go Good Government PAC for \$250, and the DBH2 PAC for \$1,000, after it had already accepted \$2,000 from each of these three (3) PACs. These second contributions were all in excess of the \$2,000 contribution limit. In total, the evidence reflected that your campaign committee received \$1,500 in excessive contributions from these three (3) PACs. It is noted that these excessive contributions have since been returned.

This letter is a public document. A copy is being sent to the complainant, Thomas Buchanan, and to your attorney, Lauren Hamilton, to notify them of the outcome of the proceedings.

If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graham F. Sloan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Graham" being more prominent and the last name "Sloan" following in a similar style.

Graham F. Sloan
Director

cc (w/ enc.): Thomas Buchanan
Lauren Hamilton