

2009 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Claude Pressnell

FINDINGS

Mr. Pressnell failed to timely register as a lobbyist for his employer (See Registrations section).

EMPLOYER

- TN Independent Colleges and University Association

REGISTRATIONS

Mr. Pressnell registered as a lobbyist for one employer during 2009. Based on the audit documentation, Mr. Pressnell failed to timely register for his employer. The audit determined the trigger date was prior to the first available day of registration on December 15, 2008, therefore the lobbyist was required to register by December 22, 2008. Mr. Pressnell did not register until January 6, 2009 which was 15 days late.

LOBBYING AGREEMENTS

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Mr. Pressnell, he has a written employment contract with duties as an in-house lobbyist for his employer. The terms of the contract appear to be 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. Pressnell reported he had no business or family relationships with persons who are 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. Pressnell completed his required lobbyist training for the 2009 registration year and paid all associated registration and training fees.

IN-STATE EVENTS

Mr. Pressnell did not participate in paying the costs of any in-state events.