

## **2019 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Clayton Crownover**

### **FINDING(S)**

- 1. Clayton Crownover failed to complete the required lobbyist training and pay the associated training fee.**

### **EMPLOYER(S)**

- Associated Builders and Contractors, Greater TN Chapter

### **REGISTRATION(S)**

Clayton Crownover registered as a lobbyist for one employer during 2019. Based on the audit documentation, Clayton Crownover is a volunteer lobbyist and was not required to register. Therefore, no test work was performed related to the timeliness of the registration. Registration fees are waived for volunteer lobbyist registration.

### **LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)**

Based on a review of the statements of the employer of the lobbyist and Clayton Crownover, the employer had no lobbying employment contract with the lobbyist employee and paid no compensation for lobbying services. Therefore, Clayton Crownover was a volunteer lobbyist for the employer and received no contingency payments.

### **FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Clayton Crownover reported no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

### **TRAINING**

According to the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Clayton Crownover did not complete required lobbyist training for the 2019 registration year. T.C.A. § 3-6-114(b) requires each registered lobbyist to complete an annual training course. When a lobbyist completes the training online, the system records the training on the web-based system. If the lobbyist attends the legislative ethics training, their name is recorded at the training event and then administratively entered into the system records. Based on the review of the system records, Clayton Crownover did not complete the training online or by attendance during 2019. The related statute also allows the Tennessee Ethics Commission to assess a training fee. The current fee is \$40. The Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records indicate Clayton Crownover did not pay all training fees. Unlike the registration fee, there is no waiver for the training fee in the ethics statutes based on volunteer status.