

2019 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Gif Thornton

FINDING(S)

- 1. Gif Thornton failed to complete the required lobbyist training.**

EMPLOYER(S)

- 50CAN INC – dba Tennessee CAN
- DRD Management, Inc.
- Metro Nashville Government
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Wine and Spirit Wholesalers of TN

REGISTRATION(S)

Gif Thornton registered as a lobbyist for five employer(s) during 2019. Based on the audit documentation, Gif Thornton timely registered all lobbying relationships and paid all registration fees.

LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided, Gif Thornton was a contracted lobbyist employed by a firm. The firm had a written contracts or letter of understanding with each employer. The terms of the contracts 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

Gif Thornton 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, Gif Thornton did not complete the 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, Gif Thornton did not complete the training online or by attendance during 2019. The Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance’s lobbyist records indicate Gif Thornton paid all training fees.