

2015 Lobbyist Registration Audit of John Lyell

FINDING(S)

1. John Lyell failed to complete his required lobbyist training (See Training section).

EMPLOYER(S)

- AFLAC
- Commissioned Officers of the State of TN
- Delta Dental of TN
- Tax Management Associates, Inc.
- Tennessee Electronic Security Assn.
- Tennessee Society of Anesthesiologists
- TN Automotive Assn.
- TN Football, Inc.
- TN Health Care Assn.

REGISTRATION(S)

Mr. Lyell registered as a lobbyist for nine employers during 2015. Based on the audit documentation, Mr. Lyell timely registered his lobbying relationship with his employers and paid all registration fees.

LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Mr. Lyell, he was a contracted lobbyist. He had a written contract or letter of understanding with each 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. Lyell reported he had 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, Mr. Lyell did not complete his required lobbyist training for the 2015 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 the computer is marked to show training occurred. Based on the review of the system records Mr. Lyell did not complete the training online or by attendance during 2015. The Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records indicate Mr. Lyell paid all training fees.