

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE ETHICS COMMISSION**

In re: ) No. 2009-001  
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BECKY WEST, )  
)  
Respondent. )

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**ORDER FINDING NO KNOWING VIOLATION**

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This matter came on to be heard by the Tennessee Ethics Commission (Commission) on March 10, 2009, at its regularly scheduled meeting. The Commission reviewed documentation showing that Ms. Becky West (Respondent) signed a check for a campaign contribution from a joint account held by her husband and herself for two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), on October 17, 2008, to Ms. Delores Gresham, a candidate for the Tennessee Senate. Ms. West was a registered lobbyist at the time. The Commission also heard a presentation by Ms. West's husband, Mr. Steve West.

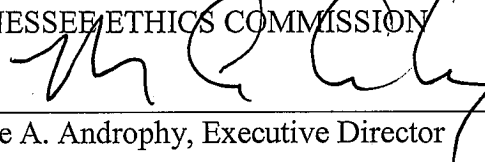
T.C.A § 3-6-304(j) prohibits lobbyists from making campaign contributions. T.C.A. § 3-6-306 (a)(2)(B)(iii) authorizes the Commission to impose a penalty for a violation of section 3-6-304(j) only if the violation was "knowing." It is clear that Ms. West wrote the check from the joint account held by her husband and herself. The Commission finds there was not a knowing violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304(j) based on the facts which show that the training she received as a lobbyist did not encompass permissible use of joint bank accounts.

It is therefore ORDERED that this action is dismissed.

It is further ORDERED that the Executive Director shall issue this Order and file it in the Commission's offices.

It is further ORDERED that the Executive Director shall cause a copy of this Order to be provided to the Respondent.

Issued, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009

TENNESSEE ETHICS COMMISSION  
By:   
Bruce A. Androphy, Executive Director