

2011 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Michael Murphy

FINDINGS

Mr. Michael Murphy failed to complete his required lobbyist training. (See Training & Fees section).

EMPLOYER

- AARP
- Catholic Public Policy Commission of Tennessee
- Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services
- Tennessee Association for Justice
- Tennessee Chapter, Sierra Club
- Tennessee Disability Coalition

REGISTRATIONS

Mr. Murphy registered as a lobbyist for six employers during 2011. Based on the audit documentation, Mr. Murphy timely registered his lobbying relationship with his employers.

LOBBYING AGREEMENTS

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Mr. Murphy, he had written agreements with each of his clients. The terms of each 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. Murphy reported he had no business or familial relationships with persons who were 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. Murphy did not complete his required lobbyist training for the 2011 registration year. T.C.A. § 3-6-114(b) requires each registered lobbyist to complete an annual training course. The lobbyist completes the training online and prints a certificate of completion. The lobbyist provides a copy of the certificate to the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance to verify compliance. Mr. Murphy did not have the certificate on file for 2011, and he was unable to provide documentation indicating the training was completed.

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Mr. Murphy paid all registration fees.