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D.C. Code § 1-1162.23 (2013)

§ 1-1162.23. Conflicts of interest

(a) No employee shall use his or her official position or title, or personally and substantially participate, through decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation, or otherwise, in a judicial or other proceeding, application, request for a ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest, or other particular matter, or attempt to influence the outcome of a particular matter, in a manner that the employee knows is likely to have a direct and predictable effect on the employee's financial interests or the financial interests of a person closely affiliated with the employee.

(b) An employee other than an elected official may seek a waiver, and the prohibition in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply, if the employee:

- (1) Advises the employee's supervisor and the Ethics Board of the nature and circumstances of the particular matter;
- (2) Makes full disclosure of the financial interest; and
- (3) Receives in advance a written determination made by both the supervisor and the Ethics Board that:

(A) The interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services that the government may expect from the employee; or

(B) Another legally cognizable basis for waiver exists.

(c) (1) Any elected official who, in the discharge of the elected official's official duties, would be required to act in any matter prohibited under subsection (a) of this section shall make full disclosure of the financial interest, prepare a written statement describing the matter and the nature of the potential conflict of interest, and deliver the statement to:

(A) In the case of a member of the Council, the Council Chairman; or

(B) In the case of an elected official other than a member of the Council, the Ethics Board.

(2) Any employee other than an elected official who, in the discharge of the employee's official duties, would be required to act in any matter prohibited under subsection (a) of this section shall:

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- (A) Make full disclosure of the financial interest:
- (B) Prepare a written statement describing the matter and the nature of the potential conflict of interest; and
- (C) Deliver the statement to the employee's supervisor and to the Ethics Board.

(3) During a proceeding in which an elected official would be required to take action in any matter that is prohibited under subsection (a) of this section, the Chairman shall:

- (A) Read the statement provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection into the record of proceedings; and
- (B) Excuse the elected official from votes, deliberations, and other actions on the matter.

(4) No Councilmember excused from votes, deliberations, or other actions on a matter shall in any way participate in or attempt to influence the outcome of the particular matter, in a manner that is likely to have a direct and predictable effect on the employee's financial interests or the financial interests of a person closely affiliated with the employee.

(5) Upon receipt of the statement provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the employee's supervisor shall assign the matter to another employee who does not have a potential conflict of interest.

(d) (1) An employee shall not receive any compensation, salary, or contribution to salary, gratuity, or any other thing of value from a source other than the District government for the employee's performance of official duties.

(2) No employee or member of the employee's household may knowingly acquire:

(A) Stocks, bonds, commodities, real estate, or other property, whether held individually or jointly, the acquisition of which could unduly influence or give the appearance of unduly influencing the employee in the conduct of his or her official duties and responsibilities; or

(B) An interest in a business or commercial enterprise that is related directly to the employee's official duties, or which might otherwise be involved in an official action taken or recommended by the employee, or which is related to matters over which the employee could wield any influence, official or otherwise.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 223, 59 DCR 1862.

NOTES: SECTION REFERENCES. --This section is referenced in § 1-1162.28, § 1-1164.01, and § 47-391.08.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-124. --For history of Law 19-124, see notes under § 1-1161.01.



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D.C. Code § 1-1162.24 (2013)

§ 1-1162.24. Public reporting

(a) (1) Public officials, except Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners and members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors appointed pursuant to § 9-1107.01, shall file annually with the Ethics Board a public report containing a full and complete statement of:

(A) The name of each business entity, including sole proprietorships, partnerships, trusts, nonprofit organizations, and corporations, whether or not transacting any business with the District of Columbia government, in or from which the public official or his or her spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children:

(i) Has a beneficial interest, including, whether held in such person's own name, in trust, or in the name of a nominee, securities, stocks, stock options, bonds, or trusts, exceeding in the aggregate \$ 1,000, or that produced income of \$ 200;

(ii) Receives honoraria and income earned for services rendered in excess of \$ 200 during a calendar year, as well as the identity of any client for whom the official performed a service in connection with the official's outside income if the client has a contract with the government of the District of Columbia or the client stands to gain a direct financial benefit from legislation that was pending before the Council during the calendar year. The report required by this part shall include a narrative description of the nature of the service performed in connection with the official's outside income;

(iii) Serves as an officer, director, partner, employee, consultant, contractor, volunteer, or in any other formal capacity or affiliation; or

(iv) Has an agreement or arrangement for a leave of absence, future employment, including date of agreement, or continuation of payment by a former employer;

(B) Any outstanding individual liability in excess of \$ 1,000 for borrowing by the public official or his or her spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children from anyone other than a federal or state insured or regulated financial institution, including any revolving credit and installment accounts from any business enterprise regularly engaged in the business of providing revolving credit or installment accounts, or a member of the person's immediate family;

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(C) All real property located in the District (and its actual location) in which the public official or his or her spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children, has an interest with a fair market value in excess of \$ 1,000, or that produced income of \$ 200; provided, that this provision shall not apply to personal residences occupied by the public official, his or her spouse, or domestic partner;

(D) All professional or occupational licenses issued by the District of Columbia government held by a public official or his or her spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children;

(E) All gifts received year by a public official from a prohibited source in an aggregate value of \$ 100 in a calendar;

(F) An affidavit stating that the public official has not caused title to property to be placed in another person or entity for the purposes of avoiding the disclosure requirements of this subsection; and

(G) A certification that the public official has:

(i) Filed and paid his or her income and property taxes;

(ii) Diligently safeguarded the assets of the taxpayers and the District;

(iii) Reported known illegal activity, including attempted bribes, to the appropriate authorities;

(iv) Not been offered or accepted any bribes;

(v) Not directly or indirectly received government funds through illegal or improper means;

(vi) Not raised or received funds in violation of federal or District law; and

(vii) Not received or been given anything of value, including a gift, favor, service, loan gratuity, discount, hospitality, political contribution, or promise of future employment, based on any understanding that the public official's official actions or judgment or vote would be influenced.

(2) The Ethics Board may, on a case-by-case basis, exempt a public official from this requirement or some portion of this requirement for good cause shown.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this section, all papers filed under this section shall be kept by the Ethics Board in the custody of the Director of Government Ethics for no less than 6 years. The Ethics Board shall publicly disclose before the 2nd day of June each year the names of the candidates, officers, and employees who have filed a report. The Director of Government Ethics shall dispose of papers filed pursuant to this section in accordance with Chapter 17 of Title 2.

(c) Reports required by this section shall be filed before May 15th of each year. If a public official ceases before May 15th to hold the office or position, the occupancy of which imposes upon him or her the reporting requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the public official shall file the report within 3 months after leaving the office or position. The Ethics Board shall publish, in the District of Columbia Register, before June 15th each year, the name of each public official who has:

(1) Filed a report under this section;

(2) Sought and received an extension of the deadline filing requirement and the reason for the extension; and

(3) Not filed a report and the reason for not filing, if known.

(d) Reports required by this section shall be in a form prescribed by the Ethics Board. The Ethics Board may provide for the grouping of items of income, sources of income, assets, liabilities, dealings in securities or commodities, and

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purchases and sales of real property, when separate itemization is not feasible or is not necessary for an accurate disclosure of the income, net worth, dealing in securities and commodities, or purchases and sales of rental property of any individual.

(e) All reports filed under this section shall be maintained by the Ethics Board as public records.

(f) For the purposes of a report required by this section, a person shall be considered to have been a public official if he or she has served as a public official for more than 30 days during any calendar year in a position for which reports are required under this section.

(g) The Ethics Board shall provide for the annual auditing of all reports filed pursuant to this section.

(h) The Mayor shall develop a list of each business entity transacting any business with the District government, or providing a service to the District for consideration, to include the business name, address, principals, and brief summary of the business transacted within the immediately preceding 6 months. The list shall be available online and published on January 1st and July 1st annually.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 224, 59 DCR 1862; Sept. 20, 2012, D.C. Law 19-168, § 1072(a), 59 DCR 8025; Apr. 27, 2013, D.C. Law 19-286, § 3(b), 60 DCR 2319.

NOTES: SECTION REFERENCES. --This section is referenced in § 1-123, § 1-618.01, § 1-1162.25, and § 38-2973.01.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENTS. --The 2012 amendment by D.C. Law 19-168, in the introductory language of (c), substituted "May 15th" for "October 2nd" in the first sentence, substituted "May 15th" for "October 1st" in the second sentence, and substituted "June 15th" for "November 2nd" in the third sentence.

The 2013 amendment by D.C. Law 19-286 added "and members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors appointed pursuant to § 9-1107.01" in (a)(1).

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION. --For temporary (90 day) amendment of section, see § 1072(a) of Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2012 (D.C. Act 19-383, June 19, 2012, 59 DCR 7764).

For temporary (90 day) addition of section, see § 1074 of Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2012 (D.C. Act 19-383, June 19, 2012, 59 DCR 7764).

For temporary (90 day) amendment of section, see § 1072(a) of Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2012 (D.C. Act 19-413, July 25, 2012, 59 DCR 9290).

For temporary (90 day) addition of section, see § 1074 of Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Congressional Review Emergency Act of 2012 (D.C. Act 19-413, July 25, 2012, 59 DCR 9290).

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-124. --For history of Law 19-124, see notes under § 1-1161.01.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-168. --Law 19-168, the "Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Act of 2012," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 19-743. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on May 15, 2012, and June 5, 2012, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on June 22, 2012, it was assigned Act No. 19-385 and transmitted to Congress for its review. D.C. Law 19-168 became effective on September 20, 2012.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-286. --See note to § 1-1161.01.

EDITOR'S NOTES. --Section 1074 of D.C. Law 19-168 provided that § 1072(a) and (b) of the act [which amended §§ 1-1162.24(c) and 1-1162.25] shall apply as of January 1, 2013.



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D.C. Code § 1-1162.25 (2013)

§ 1-1162.25. Confidential disclosure of financial interest

(a) Any employee, other than a public official, who advises, makes decisions or participates substantially in areas of contracting, procurement, administration of grants or subsidies, developing policies, land use planning, inspecting, licensing, policy-making, regulating, or auditing, or acts in areas of responsibility that may create a conflict of interest or appearance of a conflict of interest, as determined by the appropriate agency head, shall file, before May 15th of each year, with that agency head a report containing a full and complete statement of the information required by § 1-1162.24. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners and members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors appointed pursuant to § 9-1107.01 shall file the report required by this section.

(b) Upon review of the confidential report, any violation of the Code of Conduct found by the agency head shall be forwarded immediately to the Ethics Board for review.

(c) On or before April 15th of each year, each agency head shall designate the persons in the agency required to submit a confidential report by name, position, and grade level, and shall supply this list to the Ethics Board and the D.C. Ethics Counselor on or before May 1st of each year.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 225, 59 DCR 1862; Sept. 20, 2012, D.C. Law 19-168, § 1072(b), 59 DCR 8025; Apr. 27, 2013, D.C. Law 19-286, § 3(c), 60 DCR 2319.

NOTES: SECTION REFERENCES. --This section is referenced in § 1-618.01.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENTS. --The 2012 amendment by D.C. Law 19-168 substituted "May 15th" for "October 2nd" in the first sentence of (a); and in (c), substituted "April 15th" for "September 1st" and "May 1st" for "September 15th."

The 2013 amendment by D.C. Law 19-286 added "and members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors appointed pursuant to § 9-1107.01" in (a).

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION. --For temporary (90 day) amendment of section, see § 1072(b) of Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2012 (D.C. Act 19-383, June 19, 2012, 59 DCR 7764).

For temporary (90 day) addition of section, see § 1074 of Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2012 (D.C. Act 19-383, June 19, 2012, 59 DCR 7764).

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-124. --For history of Law 19-124, see notes under § *1-1161.01*.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-168. --See note to § *1-1162.24*.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-286. --See note to § *1-1161.01*.

EDITOR'S NOTES. --Section 1074 of D.C. Law 19-168 provided that § 1072(a) and (b) of the act [which amended §§ *1-1162.24(c)* and *1-1162.25*] shall apply as of January 1, 2013.



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§ 1-1162.26. Limitations on honoraria and royalties

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, neither the Mayor, the Attorney General, the Chairman of the Council, nor any member of the Council or of the State Board of Education, nor any member of his or her immediate family, shall receive honoraria exceeding \$ 10,000 in the aggregate during any calendar year. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "honorarium" means payment of money or anything of value for an appearance, speech, or article; provided, that a reimbursement for or payment of actual and necessary travel expenses incurred shall not be considered honoraria. For the purposes of computing the \$ 10,000 limit on honoraria established under this subsection, an honorarium shall be considered received in the year in which the right to receive the honorarium accrues.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, neither the Mayor, the Chairman of the Council, nor any member of the Mayor's or of the Chairman of the Council's immediate family shall accept royalties for works of the Mayor or of the Chairman of the Council that exceed \$ 10,000 in the aggregate during any calendar year. For the purposes of computing the limit on royalties established under this subsection, a royalty shall be considered received during the calendar year in which the right to receive the royalty accrues.

(c) For the purposes of this section, any royalty or part of a royalty, or any honorarium or part of an honorarium paid to a charitable organization by or on behalf of a public official shall not be calculated as part of an aggregate total.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 226, 59 DCR 1862.

NOTES: LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-124. --For history of Law 19-124, see notes under § 1-1161.01.



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D.C. Code § 1-1162.27 (2013)

§ 1-1162.27. Persons required to register

(a) Except as provided in § 1-1162.28, a person shall register with the Director of Government Ethics pursuant to § 1-1162.29 and pay the required registration fee if the person receives compensation or expends funds in an amount of \$ 250 or more in any 3-consecutive-calendar-month period for lobbying. A person who receives compensation from more than one source shall register under this section if the person receives an aggregate amount of \$ 250 or more in any 3-consecutive-calendar-month period for lobbying. Failure to register as required by this section shall result in a civil penalty.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the registration fee for lobbyists shall be \$ 250.

(2) The registration fee for lobbyists who lobby solely for nonprofit organizations shall be \$ 50.

(c) (1) There is established as a nonlapsing fund the Lobbyist Administration and Enforcement Fund ("Lobbyist Fund"), which shall be administered by the Ethics Board. The funds in the Lobbyist Fund shall be used by the Ethics Board solely for the purpose of administering and enforcing this subchapter.

(2) All fees collected under subsection (b) of this section by the Ethics Board shall be deposited into the Lobbyist Fund. All funds deposited into the Lobbyist Fund, and any interest earned on those funds, shall not revert to the unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a fiscal year, or at any other time, but shall be continually available for the uses and purposes set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection without regard to fiscal year limitation, subject to authorization by Congress.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 227, 59 DCR 1862.

NOTES: SECTION REFERENCES. --This section is referenced in § 1-1161.01.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-124. --For history of Law 19-124, see notes under § 1-1161.01.



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§ 1-1162.28. Exceptions

(a) A person need not register with the Director pursuant to § 1-1162.29 if the person is:

- (1) A public official, or an employee of the United States acting in his or her official capacity;
- (2) A publisher or working member of the press, radio, or television who, in the ordinary course of business, disseminates news or editorial comment to the general public;
- (3) A candidate, member, or member-elect of an Advisory Neighborhood Commission; or
- (4) An entity specified in § 47-1802.01(4), whose activities do not consist of lobbying, the result of which shall inure to the financial gain or benefit of the entity.

(b) Any person who is exempt from registration under any provision of this section, except a person exempt from registration under the provisions of subsection (a)(1) of this section, may be a registrant for other purposes under this part; provided, that no activity engaged in by the person shall constitute a conflict of interest under the provisions of § 1-1162.23. Registrants have no obligation to report activities in furtherance of exempt activities under this section in activity reports required under § 1-1162.30.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 228, 59 DCR 1862.**NOTES:** SECTION REFERENCES. --This section is referenced in § 1-1162.27 and § 1-1162.31.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-124. --For history of Law 19-124, see notes under § 1-1161.01.



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D.C. Code § 1-1162.29 (2013)

§ 1-1162.29. Registration form

(a) Each registrant shall file a registration form with the Director of Government Ethics, signed under oath, on or before January 15th of each year, or no later than 15 days after becoming a lobbyist (and on or before January 15th of each year thereafter). If the registrant is not an individual, an authorized officer or agent of the registrant shall sign the form. A registrant shall file a separate registration form for each person from whom he or she receives compensation.

(b) (1) The registration shall be on a form prescribed by the Director of Government Ethics and shall include:

(A) The registrant's name, permanent address, and temporary address while lobbying;

(B) The name and address of each person who will lobby on the registrant's behalf;

(C) The name, address, and nature of the business of any person who compensates the registrant and the terms of the compensation; and

(D) The identification, by formal designation, if known, of matters on which the registrant expects to lobby.

(2) The Director of Government Ethics shall publish in the District of Columbia Register on or before February 15th and on or before August 15th of each year a summary of all information required to be submitted under this subsection.

(c) No later than 10 days after a registrant files a registration form with the Director of Government Ethics, the Director of Government Ethics shall publish on the Ethics Board's website a summary of all information required to be submitted under this section.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 229, 59 DCR 1862.

NOTES: SECTION REFERENCES. --This section is referenced in § 1-1162.27, § 1-1162.28, and § 1-1162.30.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-124. --For history of Law 19-124, see notes under § 1-1161.01.



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§ 1-1162.30. Activity reports

(a) Each registrant shall file with the Director of Government Ethics between the 1st and 10th day of July and January of each year a report signed under oath concerning the registrant's lobbying activities during the previous 6-month period. If the registrant is not an individual, an authorized officer or agent of the registrant shall sign the form. A registrant shall file a separate activity report for each person from whom he or she receives compensation. The reports shall be public documents and shall be on a form prescribed by the Director of Government Ethics and shall include the following:

(1) A complete and current statement of the information required to be supplied pursuant to § 1-1162.29;

(2) (A) Total expenditures on lobbying broken down into the following categories:

(i) Office expenses;

(ii) Advertising and publications;

(iii) Compensation to others;

(iv) Personal sustenance, lodging, and travel, if compensated;

(v) Other expenses;

(B) Each expenditure of \$ 50 or more shall also be itemized by the date, name, and address of the recipient, and the amount and purpose of the expenditure;

(3) Each political expenditure, loan, gift, honorarium, or contribution of \$ 50 or more made by the registrant or anyone acting on behalf of the registrant to benefit an official in the legislative or executive branch, a member of his or her staff or household, or a campaign or testimonial committee established for the benefit of the official, be itemized by date, beneficiary, amount, and circumstances of the transaction; including the aggregate of all expenditures that are less than \$ 50;

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(4) Each official in the executive or legislative branch and any member of the official's staff, including personal and committee staff, who has a business relationship or a professional services relationship with the registrant shall be identified by name and the nature of the business relationship with the registrant;

(5) Each official in the executive or legislative branch with whom the registrant has had written or oral communications during the reporting periods related to lobbying activities conducted by the registrant shall also be included in the report, identifying the official with whom the communication was made; and

(6) Each person whom the registrant has given compensation to lobby on his or her behalf shall also be listed in the report.

(b) Each registrant shall obtain and preserve all accounts, bills, receipts, books, papers, and documents necessary to substantiate the activity reports required to be made pursuant to this section for 5 years from the date of filing of the report containing these items. These materials shall be made available for inspection upon requests by the Director of Government Ethics after reasonable notice.

(c) Each registrant who does not file a report required by this section for a given period is presumed not to be receiving or expending funds that are required to be reported under this part.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 230, 59 DCR 1862.

NOTES: SECTION REFERENCES. --This section is referenced in § 1-1162.28.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-124. --For history of Law 19-124, see notes under § 1-1161.01.



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D.C. Code § 1-1162.31 (2013)

§ 1-1162.31. Prohibited activities

(a) No registrant or anyone acting on behalf of a registrant shall offer, give, or cause to be given a gift or service to an official in the legislative or executive branch or a member of his or her staff that exceeds \$ 100 in value in the aggregate in any calendar year. This section shall not be construed to restrict in any manner contributions authorized in §§ 1-1163.33, 1-1163.34, and 1-1163.38.

(b) No official in the legislative or executive branch or a member of his or her staff shall solicit or accept anything of value in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) No person shall knowingly or willfully make or cause to be made any false or misleading statement or misrepresentation of the facts relating to pending administrative decisions or legislative actions to any official in the legislative or executive branch;

(d) No person shall, knowing a document to contain a false statement relating to pending administrative decisions or legislative actions, cause a copy of the document to be transmitted to an official in the legislative or executive branch without notifying the official in writing of the truth.

(e) No information copied from registration forms and activity reports required by this part or from lists compiled from such forms and reports shall be sold or utilized by any person for the purpose of soliciting campaign contributions or selling tickets to a testimonial or similar fundraising affair or for any commercial purpose.

(f) No public official shall be employed as a lobbyist while acting as a public official, except as provided in § 1-1162.28.

(g) (1) No lobbyist or registrant or person acting on behalf of the lobbyist or registrant, shall provide legal representation, or other professional services, to an official in the legislative or executive branch, or to a member of his or her staff, at no cost or at a rate that is less than the lobbyist or registrant would routinely bill for the representation or service in the marketplace.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this section, a nonprofit organization that routinely provides legal representation or other services to clients at no cost may provide such representation or services to such client when

D.C. Code § 1-1162.31

doing so serves the purposes for which such services are routinely provided, and the representation and services are not provided by a lobbyist or registrant.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 231, 59 DCR 1862.

NOTES: LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF LAW 19-124. --For history of Law 19-124, see notes under § *1-1161.01*.



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DIVISION I. GOVERNMENT OF DISTRICT
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CHAPTER 11A. GOVERNMENT ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY
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PART E. LOBBYISTS

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D.C. Code § 1-1162.32 (2013)

§ 1-1162.32. Penalties; prohibition from serving as lobbyist; citizen suits

(a) Notwithstanding § 1-1162.21 and except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any person who willfully and knowingly violates any of the provisions of this part shall be fined not more than \$ 5,000, or imprisoned for not more than 12 months, or both.

(b) In addition to the penalties provided for in subsection (a) of this section, any person convicted of the misdemeanor specified in that section may be prohibited from serving as a lobbyist for a period of 3 years from the date of the conviction.

(c) Any person who files a report or registration form required under this part in an untimely manner shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$ 10 per day up to 30 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays) that the report or registration form is late. The Ethics Board may waive the penalty imposed under this subsection for good cause shown.

(d) Should any provision of this subchapter not be enforced by the Ethics Board, a citizen of the District of Columbia may bring suit in the nature of mandamus in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, directing the Ethics Board to enforce the provisions of this part. Reasonable attorneys fees may be awarded to the citizen against the District should he or she prevail in this action, or if it is settled in substantial conformity with the relief sought in the petition prior to order by the court.

HISTORY: Apr. 27, 2012, D.C. Law 19-124, § 232, 59 DCR 1862.

NOTES: SECTION REFERENCES. --This section is referenced in § 1-1001.02.

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