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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: Charles Safdie /

Case No: 07-23

PUBLIC REPORT AND DEFAULT FINAL ORDER

The Advocate filed the above-captioned complaint against Charles Safdie ("Respondent") for violation of Section 2-11.1(s) (Lobbying) for failing to timely file his expenditure report.

In 2006, the Respondent registered as a lobbyist for Pastor, Montes and Naveo. Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(s), the Respondent was required to file a lobbyist expenditure report on July 2, 2007. The Clerk of the Board sent the Respondent the courtesy reminders in May and June of 2007. The Ethics Commission and the Clerk of the Board also sent the Respondent notices of violation in July and September. As of the date of the filing of the complaint, the Respondent had not file the required expenditure form.

On October 24, 2007, the Ethics Commission found the complaint legally sufficient. On November 15, 2007, pursuant to Rule 4.16, the Advocate made a Motion for

Default Judgment, *ore tenus*, on the grounds that, despite personal service, the Respondent had not responded to the Advocate's correspondence on the matter and had failed to appear for any hearings.

On November 15, 2007, after reviewing the complaint and being otherwise advised in the premises, the Ethics Commission granted the Advocate's Motion for Default Judgment. Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the Respondent has violated Section 2-11.1(s) as charged in the complaint and fines in the amount of sixty-five hundred dollars are assessed against him.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust in public session on November 15, 2007.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**

By:


Kerry Rosenthal
Chairperson

cc: Charles Safdie