

**LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT**

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This Agreement, made this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, by and between Frank D. Boston, III, Esq., lobbyist for the Maryland Association for Justice, and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the Maryland State Ethics Commission (hereinafter "Staff Counsel").

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**RECITALS**

The State Ethics Commission ("the Commission") is the executive agency of the State of Maryland established by Chapter 513, Acts of 1979 for the purpose of enforcing the Maryland Public Ethics Law (General Provisions Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, hereinafter the "Ethics Law") including the provisions of Subtitle 7, the lobbying disclosure program.

Frank D. Boston, III ("the filer"), is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of the Maryland Association for Justice ("the employer") for the period November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016, required him to register as a lobbyist with the Commission.

The filer did not timely register as required by the Md. Code. Ann., Gen'l. Prov. Art., § 5-704(d)(1)(Supp. 2015).

The filer subsequently registered on May 23, 2016, for the period of November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016.

The filer is entering voluntarily into this Agreement to admit his failure to timely file a lobbyist registration with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees and other fines pursuant to § 5-405 of the Ethics Law.

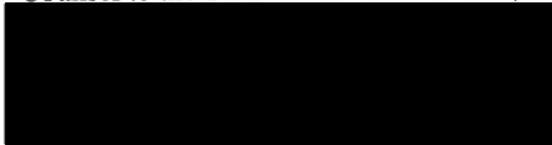
**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the submission of the required lobbyist registration form by the filer on May 23, 2016, and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. The filer did not timely file his lobbyist registration form on behalf of the employer for the period of November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016, as required by § 5-704(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.
2. The filer reported his delinquency to the Commission on May 23, 2016, and filed his registration form (a copy of which has been attached hereto and made a part thereof) the same day.
3. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Ethics Law may subject him to a formal complaint by the Commission and, upon finding of a violation, late fees and the possibility of civil fines.
4. Based on the facts stated in this Agreement the filer agrees to pay as settlement of the late filing matter, the amount of FIVE HUNDRED and no/100 DOLLARS (\$500.00)

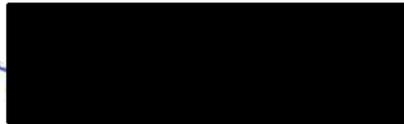
at the time of the execution of this Agreement in lieu of a potential late fees and in lieu of civil fines for the above admitted late registration statement (Paragraph 1).

5. The Staff Counsel will, upon execution of this Agreement by the filer, recommend that the Commission not institute any proceedings on his failure to timely register. The filer understands that the Commission is under no obligation to accept this Agreement and may decide to take other action, including issuing a complaint.
6. The filer waives a formal hearing on this matter (if the Agreement is accepted by the Commission) to which he would be entitled if a complaint were issued, and he understands that this Agreement and materials relating to this matter are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Ethics law, and will be public information unless otherwise protected.
7. The filer understands that a copy of this Agreement will be mailed to the employer.
8. The filer and the Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of a lobbyist registration statement and for the payment of late fees and other fines and for no other purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Frank D. Boston, III, Esq. and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.



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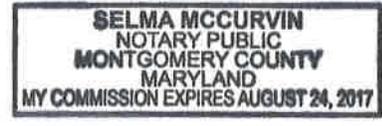
County of: Baltimore, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Frank D. Boston, III, who made oath on this 4th day of June, 2016 in due form of law that the matters and facts hereinabove set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, and are his voluntary act and that he executed this document for the purpose set forth herein.

[Redacted Signature]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/24/17



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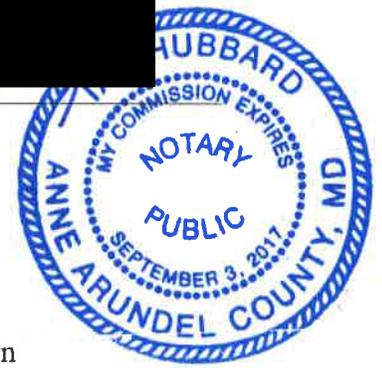
County of: Anne Arundel, to wit:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, who made oath on this 15th day of JUNE, 2016, in due form of law that he executed this Agreement for the purposes set forth herein.

[Redacted Signature]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 09-03-2017



Accepted by the Commission

[Redacted Signature]

Paul M. Vettori, Chair for the Commission

Date: June 16, 2016