

## **Alaska Public Offices Commission**

# COMPLAINT



FILING A COMPLAINT To be accepted, complaint must include			C LAWS ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED Specify section of law or regulation		APOC case name/number/date	
<ol> <li>Complainant's name + contact info</li> <li>Respondent's name + contact info</li> <li>Laws, regulations allegedly violated</li> <li>Description of allegations</li> </ol>		Campaign Disclosure Law	☐ AS 15.13 ☐ 2 AAC 50.250–405			
		Public Official Financial Disclosure	☐ AS 39.	50 50.010–200		
6. Documenta	nowledge of alleged facts ation to support allegations signature of the complainant	Legislative Financial Disclosure	I		15-08-LFD	
8. Proof that	complaint and all supporting were served on respondent	Lobbying Regulation	AS 24.45 2 AAC 50.505–545			
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⊠ APOC	COMPLAIN	IANT	RES	PONDENT Person	or group allegedly violating law	
Person Party Group	APOC Staff		<ul><li>☑ Person</li><li>☐ Party</li><li>☐ Group</li></ul>	Senator Lesil Mc	Guire	
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COMPLAINANT'S REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE						
If complains	ant or respondent is political party or g	roup, list contact person. If c	omplainant or res	spondent is represented	by attorney, list name + contact info	
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spouse has	complete LFD to date as the information regarding her spouse has not been provided and no good faith effort to exhibits.					
obtain that information has been made. 2 AAC 50.680, 2						
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Subscribed a	and sworn to or affirmed by me	at Anchorage, Alaska	-x=		Date:	
Signature: Law Office Assistant 10.7.15						
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## **Department of Administration**

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION

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TO: APOC Commissioners

DATE: October 7, 2015

FROM: Paul Dauphinais, Executive Director, Public Official Financial Disclosure

Coordinator

RE: Senator Lesil McGuire's Violations of AS 24.60, Legislative Financial Disclosure

Law

#### I. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

Senator Lesil McGuire is an incumbent state senator who is required to file a Legislative Financial Disclosure (LFD) under AS 24.60. A routine audit of Senator McGuiire's 2015 filing showed that she did not disclose infromtion regarding her spouse's income or business interests. She neither requested an exemption from filing this information nor filed evidence of a good faith effort to obtain the information.

Staff notified Senator McGuire of the missing information multiple times after the close of the extended legislative session and requested corrective action with no results. Staff now files this complaint and believes the facts will show a violation of Legislative Financial Disclosure law.

#### II. SUMMARY OF ALLEGED VIOLATION

#### A. Failure to File a Complete and Accurate Annual Financial Disclosure

Senator McGuire failed to meet her reporting obligations. Senator McGuire filed her annual LFD on March 13, 2015. While Senator McGuire met the filing deadline of March 16, 2015 she failed to file a complete report by not reporting income, interests (business, beneficial, or property), or any loans and debts of her spouse. She did report a permanent fund dividend for her spouse and children. She did not request an exemption from reporting this information and did not provide evidence of a good faith effort to obtain the information from her spouse. <sup>2</sup>

Senator McGuire reported on her 2015 LFD that her spouse is Jason Skala. Mr. Skala is an attorney practicing in Anchorage, Alaska. Legislators are required to provide information concerning income received by themselves, their spouse or domestic partner, dependent children, and non-dependent children living with them if the income is in excess of \$1,000 from a single

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exhibit 1, Senator McGuire's 2015 LFD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Exhibit 2, 2 AAC 50.775, process to request an exemption from specific reporting requirements; 2 AAC 50.690, good faith effort requirements

source during the calendar year. For that income the amount, the name and address of the source and receipient, how the income was earned, the dates and approximate number of hours worked to earn the income, and a description sufficient to make clear to a person of ordinary understanding the nature of the service performed is required.<sup>3</sup>

APOC staff took notice of this discrepancy during a routine audit conducted on April 4, 2015. However, because of Legislative Immunity, staff did not contact Senator McGuire until after the end of the extended legislative session which ended June 11, 2015. Staff has contacted Senator McGuire on multiple occasions after the extended legislative session and has made her aware of the situation and the need to amend her report.

To date Sentaor McGuire has not amended or otherwise remedied the lack of information of her 2015 annual LFD.

<sup>3</sup> AS 24.60.200

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> AS 24.40.010 notes immunities. Specifically, "A legislator may not be held to answer before any other tribunal for any statement made in the exercise of legislative duties while the legislature is in session. A member attending, going to, or returning from legislative sessions is not subject to civil process and is privileged from arrest except for felony or breach of the peace. The immunities provided in this section extend to a legislator attending, going to, or returning from a meeting of an interim standing or special committee of the legislature of which the legislator is a member. For the purposes of going to and returning from a session or meeting, the immunities provided extend to a legislator for a period of five days immediately preceding and following the legislator's attendance at the session or meeting."

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#### POFD FORM

#### COMPLETED

Submission Date: 03/13/2015

#### FILER INFORMATION

First Name: **LESIL**Last Name: **MCGUIRE** 

Address: 2022 Kimberly Lyn Circle City, State Zip: Anchorage, Alaska 99515

Contact Phone: 9073518060
Alternate Phone: Nothing to Report
Fax (Optional): Nothing to Report
Email: lesiImcguire@yahoo.com

Partner Type: Spouse

Spouse/Domestic Partner Name: Jason Skala

Dependent Children: 2 Non-Dependent Children: 0

Names of Non-Dependent Children living with filer:

#### PURPOSE OF FILING

Report Year: 2015

Report Dates: From 01/01/2014 Through 12/31/2014

Filing As: Office Holder Branch: Legislative Position: Senator Report Type: Annual

#### INCOME

Owner	Туре	Detail	Description	Amount
Filer	Salaried	State of Alaska	State Senator	\$50,000 - \$100,000
		State Capitol Room 121 Juneau, Alaska 99801		
		Full-time From: 01/01/2014 Through 12/31/2014 Time Worked:		
Filer	Dividend or Interest	Permanent Fund Dividend		\$1,000 - \$2,000
Spouse	Dividend or Interest	Permanent Fund Dividend		\$1,000 - \$2,000
Child	Dividend or Interest	Permanent Fund Dividend		\$1,000 - \$2,000
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#### Interests

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Owner	Type	Detail	Description	Interest
Filer	Business	Business Name: Brain Injury Network	Board Member	Position / Type: Non- Profit/Board Member
		801 B Street Anchorage, Alaska 99518		
Filer	Business	Business Name: Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)	Past President/Promoting economic develo pment in the Pacific Northwest	Position / Type: Non- Profit/Past President
		World Trade Center West 2200 Alaskan Way Suite 460 Seattle, Washington 98121		
Filer	Business	Business Name: Special Olympics of Alaska	Board of Directors/Advocate for Alaskan Ath letes	Position / Type: Non- Profit/Board of Directors
		3200 Mountain View Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99501		
Filer	Real Property	2022 Kimberly Lyn Circle Anchorage, Alaska 99515	Ownership Interest: Home owner	
Filer	Beneficial	Managed By: State Retirement PERS	Diversified	Ownership: 100%
Filer	Beneficial	Managed By: Smith Barney	Bright Start College Savings Smith and Bar ney Mutual Funds Class A Funds	Ownership: 100%

## LOANS AND DEBTS

Owner	Туре	Name
Filer	Lender	Wells Fargo Mortgage
Address: 2022 Kimberly Lyn Circle Anchorage, Alaska 99515	Original Loan Amount: \$209,000.00 Balance Amount: \$157,000.00 Interest Rate: 4.625%	

## LEASES

Owner	Type of Lease	Lease/Contract ID	Interest	Status	Description
No Leases / Nothing to Report					

## CLOSE ECONOMIC ASSOCIATIONS

Person Disclosing Association	Associated Person	Description		
No Associations / Nothing to Report				

## LOBBYIST PARTNER EMPLOYERS

Name	Address	Compensation		
No Lobbyist Partner Employers / Nothing to Report				

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#### 2 AAC 50.690. Good faith effort to obtain information

In a disclosure statement required by <u>AS 24.60.200</u> or <u>AS 39.50.020</u>, a legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate shall report the information that the legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate knows after making a good faith effort to ascertain the information. A good faith effort includes a written request to each family member of the legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate, or to the person in charge of a business in which the legislative branch filer, public official, candidate, or family member of the legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate held an interest in the reporting period

- (1) asking for the information required under AS 39.50.030 and 2 AAC 50.680 2 AAC 50.740; and
- (2) informing the recipient of the written request that the legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate
- (A) is required to provide the information under oath and penalty of perjury; and
- (B) may be subject to the penalties or other remedies set out in the applicable provisions of  $\underline{AS}$   $\underline{24.60.240}$  24.60.260,  $\underline{AS}$   $\underline{39.50.060}$   $\underline{39.50.080}$ ,  $\underline{39.50.110}$ ,  $\underline{39.50.130}$ , or  $\underline{39.50.135}$  for failure to provide the information.

History: Eff. 12/22/2011, Register 200

**Authority:** AS 15.13.030 AS 24.60.200 AS 24.60.220 AS 39.50.020 AS 39.50.030 AS 39.50.050

#### 2 AAC 50.775. Exemption from reporting sources of income

- (a) A legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate required under AS 24.50.200 or AS 39.50.020 to file a disclosure statement may, for any reason set out in this section, request an exemption from the requirement to report the name of an individual who was a source of income, the amount of income, or any other information required under AS 39.50.030 or 2 AAC 50.680 2 AAC 50.740. An exemption request must comply with 2 AAC 50.821. The person requesting any exemption has the burden of proving each fact necessary to show that an exemption available under this section is applicable.
- (b) A legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate may request an exemption from the requirement to report the name of a source of income, the amount of income, or any other information required under AS 39.50.030 or 2 AAC 50.680 2 AAC 50.740 regarding an individual who received
- (1) mental health services provided by a mental health practitioner including a psychiatrist, psychologist, or therapist;
- (2) medical services and the source of income was
- (A) an individual who received medical services related to abortion, contraception, reproductive health, a sexual disorder, or a terminal illness;
- (B) a minor who received medical services without the knowledge of a parent or legal guardian if a reasonable person in the situation of the minor would experience substantial concern, anxiety, or embarrassment from publication of the minor's name as a source of income;
- (C) a married individual who received medical services without the knowledge of the individual's spouse if a reasonable person in the situation of the individual would experience substantial concern, anxiety, or embarrassment from publication of the individual's name as a source of income; or
- (D) an individual who received medical services of any nature if at least 67 percent of the patients of a self-employed legislative branch filer, public official, candidate, or family member were individuals described in (A) (C) of this paragraph; or
- (3) legal services provided by an attorney and the source of income was
- (A) a minor who received legal services without the knowledge of a parent or legal guardian if a reasonable person in the situation of the minor would experience substantial concern, anxiety, or embarrassment from publication of the minor's name as a source of income;
- (B) a married individual who received legal services without the knowledge of the individual's spouse if a reasonable person in the situation of the individual would experience substantial concern, anxiety, or embarrassment from publication of the individual's name as a source of income;

- (C) an individual who received legal services of any nature if at least 67 percent of the clients of a self-employed legislative branch filer, public official, candidate, or family member were individuals described in (A) or (B) of this paragraph.
- (c) A legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate may request an exemption if
- (1) the legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate is prohibited by law or court-ordered settlement from reporting the name of a source of income, the amount of income, or any other information required under AS 39.50.030 or 2 AAC 50.680 2 AAC 50.740;
- (2) the legislative branch filer, public official or candidate believes reporting the name of a source of income, the amount of income, or any other information required under <u>AS 39.50.030</u> or 2 AAC <u>50.680</u> 2 AAC <u>50.740</u>, would violate rights of the source under state or federal statutes or constitutions;
- (3) the legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate believes that reporting the name of a source of income would disclose protected health information that the filer is prohibited from disclosing under 42 U.S.C. 1320d 1320d-9 (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996).
- (d) A legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate may request a personal security exemption from reporting the name of a minor that is a source of income, the amount of income, or any other information required under AS 39.50.030 or 2 AAC 50.680 2 AAC 50.740 that exposes the public official, candidate, or a family member to a personal security threat.
- (e) A legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate may request an exemption from reporting the name of a source of income, the amount of income, or any other information required under <u>AS 39.50.030</u> or 2 AAC <u>50.680</u> 2 AAC <u>50.740</u> if a state or federal law or court order requires the name of the source or the other information to be kept confidential.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a legislative branch filer, public official, or candidate may request an exemption from reporting the name of a source of income, the amount of income, or any other information required under AS 39.50.030 or 2 AAC 50.680 2 AAC 50.740, if the public official or candidate demonstrates that the right to privacy of the information outweighs the compelling state interest in disclosing the information.

History: Eff. 7/20/95, Register 135; am 1/1/2001, Register 156; am 2/20/2005, Register 173; am 12/22/2011, Register 200

**Authority:** <u>AS 15.13.030</u> <u>AS 24.60.200</u> <u>AS 24.60.220</u> <u>AS 24.60.230</u> <u>AS 39.50.020</u> <u>AS 39.50.035</u> <u>AS 39.50.050</u>

#### BEFORE THE ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION, APOC Complainant	) ) ) ) ) Case No.
VS.	)
SENATOR LESIL MCGUIRE Respondent	) ) ) )

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date, I caused a true and correct copy of the Complaint and Supporting Documents and this Certificate of Service to be delivered as indicated to the following:

Senator Lesil McGuire 2022 Kimberly Lyn Circle Anchorage, AK 99515 lesilmcguire@yahoo.com	X X X	Email Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested
Senator Lesil McGuire 716 W. 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave #200 Anchorage, AK 99501	$\boxtimes$	Courier

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Maria Bulfa
Signed

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Law Office Assistant

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