

2014 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Karen Brukardt

FINDING

Ms. Karen Brukardt failed to complete her required lobbyist training (see Training section).

EMPLOYER

- TN Right to Life

REGISTRATIONS

Ms. Brukardt registered as a lobbyist for one employer during 2014. Based on the audit documentation, Ms. Brukardt timely registered her lobbying relationship with her employer. Ms. Brukardt registered as a volunteer lobbyist; therefore no registration fees were required to be paid.

LOBBYING AGREEMENTS

Based on a review of the statements of the employer of the lobbyist, Ms. Brukardt was a volunteer lobbyist for the employer. The employer had no employment contract with the lobbyist employee and paid no compensation; therefore, the volunteer lobbyist received no contingency payments based on lobbying success.

FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Ms. Brukardt reported she had no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

TRAINING

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Ms. Brukardt did not complete her required lobbyist training for the 2014 registration year. T.C.A. § 3-6-114(b) requires each registered lobbyist to complete an annual training course. When a lobbyist completes the training online, the online system records the training on the web-based system. If the lobbyist attends the legislative ethics training, their name is recorded at the training and then the computer is marked to show training occurred. Based on the review of the system records Ms. Brukardt did not complete the training online or by attendance during 2014. The Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records indicate Ms. Brukardt paid all training fees.