

## **2019 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Michael Bivens**

### **FINDING(S)**

- 1. Michael Bivens failed to timely register for two employers.**

### **EMPLOYER(S)**

- Airbnb, Inc.
- Amedisys, Inc.
- American Promotional Events- TNT Fireworks
- Bayer Healthcare LLC
- Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- CHSPSC, LLC
- Coalition of Ignition Interlock Manufacturers
- Consumer Healthcare Products Association Tennessee Oncology Practice Society
- eBay
- LKQ Corp.
- McKesson Corporation
- Memphis Pathology Laboratory dba American Esoteric Laboratories
- Purdue Pharma LP
- Renaissance
- Sazerac Company, Inc.
- Southern Company Gas Tennessee
- Sprint Corporation
- Tennessee Ambulatory Surgery Center Association
- Tennessee Consumer Finance Association
- Tennessee Society of Anesthesiologists
- TN Dental Hygienists Assn.
- TN Forestry Assn
- TN Installment Lenders Association
- Turo Inc.
- Uber Technologies, Inc.
- Walter Kidde Portable Equipment, Inc.

### **REGISTRATION(S)**

Michael Bivens was a member for a Tennessee government relations firm which contracts to provide lobbying services for several clients. Michael Bivens registered as a lobbyist for twenty-six employers during 2019. Based on the audit documentation, Michael Bivens timely registered the lobbying relationships with twenty-four employers. The remaining two relationships appear to have been registered late. The details of these registrations are in the subsequent paragraphs.

#### **eBay**

The firm contracted with eBay for lobbying services for 2019. The client was also a client of the Firm in 2019. The contract for 2019 appears a continuing lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2019. Michael Bivens appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Michael Bivens registered for the client on January 10, 2019, 2 days late.

#### **Turo Incorporated**

The firm contracted with Turo Incorporated for lobbying services. The client appears to be a new client in 2019. The contract for 2019 appears to establish a continuing lobbying

relationship from January 1, 2019, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2019. Michael Bivens appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement of the contract. Michael Bivens registered for the client on January 28, 2019, 20 days late.

Based on a review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Michael Bivens paid all registration fees

### **LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)**

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided, Michael Bivens was a contracted lobbyist employed by a firm. The firm had written contracts or letters of understanding with each employer. The terms of the contracts appear to be within the statutes for lobbying activities, including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

### **FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Michael Bivens reported 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, Michael Bivens completed the required lobbyist training for the 2019 registration year and paid all training fees.