



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**CONFIDENTIAL**

DOCKET NUMBER 2002-13 ) STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
IN THE MATTER OF A ) 20 TRINITY STREET  
COMPLAINT AGAINST ) HARTFORD, CT 06106  
DAWN RYZAK ) DECEMBER 20, 2002

**COMPLAINT**

**COUNT ONE**

1. At all pertinent times relevant hereto, Dawn Ryzak (the Respondent) was a "state employee," as that term is defined in § 1-79(m), with the State Judicial Branch.
2. As such state employee, the Respondent had access to the court's criminal computer system and database.
3. While a state employee, the Respondent conducted criminal searches for private individuals and companies for her personal financial gain.
4. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84(c) provides that no state employee shall use her position for her financial gain.
5. By virtue of the above, the Respondent violated Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84(c).

**COUNT TWO**

1. Paragraphs 1 through 3 of the First Count are incorporated in this, the Second Count, as if fully set forth herein.
4. On information and belief, the Respondent provided to private individuals and companies confidential information.
5. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84(b) provides that no state employee shall accept other employment that will induce such employee to disclose confidential information.

6. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84(c) also provides that no state employee shall willfully and knowingly disclose, for financial gain, confidential information.

7. By virtue of the above, the Respondent violated §§ 1-84(b) and 1-84(c).

COUNT THREE

1. Paragraphs 1 through 4 of the First Count are incorporated in this, the Third Count, as if fully set forth herein.

5. Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-84(b) provides that no state employee shall accept other employment that will impair such employee's independence of judgment as to her official duties or employment.

6. The Respondent knew that she was not to use the State computer to access the criminal computer system except to fulfill her job duties as a state employee. In spite of this knowledge, the Respondent accepted outside employment that led her to use the State computer and to access the criminal computer system for an outside employer.

7. By virtue of the above, the Respondent violated §§ 1-84(b) and 1-84(c).

12/20/02  
Date

  
Denise Rodosevich  
Commission Attorney



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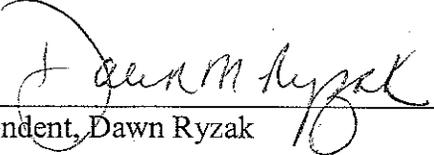
**STIPULATION AND ORDER**

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-177(c), the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent agree to settle this matter in the manner described below:

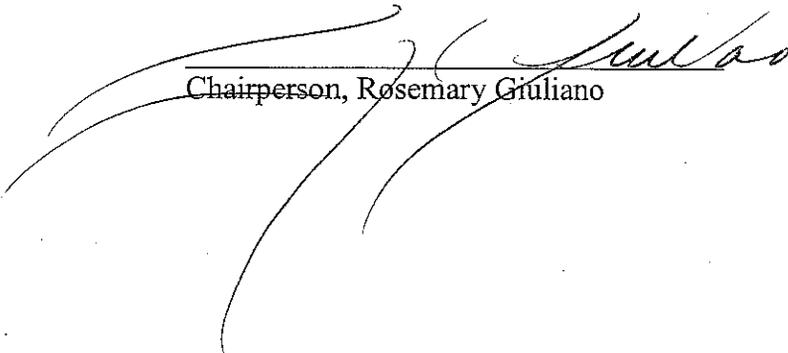
1. The Commission finds that the Respondent violated §§ 1-84(c) and 1-84(b) of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged in Counts One and Three of the Complaint dated December 20, 2002.
2. The Respondent waives any rights she may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-82, 1-82a, 1-80, and 1-87 including any right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-177(c).
3. The Respondent shall cooperate with any further Commission enforcement proceedings against others regarding the issues raised in Complaint and Docket No. 2002-13. This cooperation includes providing all non-privileged information relevant to matters identified in the Complaint, identifying persons with knowledge of any facts relevant to the matters referenced in the Complaint, and providing live and sworn testimony if the Commission staff deems such testimony necessary and relevant to the Proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission enters and the Respondent agrees to the following order in lieu of any other action regarding this matter.

The Commission orders and the Respondent agrees to pay to the State Ethics Commission \$500.00 within thirty days of the signing of this Stipulation and Order.

  
Respondent, Dawn Ryzak

6-28-03  
Date

  
Chairperson, Rosemary Giuliano

11 July 03  
Date