

OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

DOCKET NUMBER 2017-33 :
: **18-20 TRINITY STREET**
IN THE MATTER OF A :
: **HARTFORD, CT 06106**
COMPLAINT AGAINST :
: **MARCH 9, 2018**
ARLINDO ALMEIDA :

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to the Code of Ethics, General Statutes §§ 1-79, *et seq.*, Thomas Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officer, filed a Complaint against Arlindo Almeida (“Mr. Almeida” or “Respondent”), alleging violations of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials. Based on the investigation by the Enforcement Division of the Office of State Ethics (“OSE”), the OSE finds that there is probable cause to believe that Mr. Almeida violated the Code of Ethics as further set forth herein.

The Parties have entered into this Stipulation and Consent Order following the issuance of the Complaint, but without any adjudication of any issue of fact or law herein.

I. STIPULATION

The Ethics Enforcement Officer and the Respondent stipulate to the following facts:

1. From no later than on or about January 2013 through no earlier than on or about July 2017, the Respondent was employed as an Investigator for the Danbury office of the

Division of Public Defender Services (“Public Defender”).

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was a “State Employee” as that term is defined in General Statutes § 1-79 (13).

3. During 2013, and in addition to his state employment, the Respondent performed work for an outside company that provided investigatory services (“Private Company”), and was compensated for this work.

4. The work that the Respondent performed for the Private Company was not related to the Respondent’s state job duties.

5. At all times relevant hereto, and in addition to his state employment and his work for the Private Company, the Respondent took actions to obtain a paid elected municipal office.

6. The Respondent’s efforts to seek election for a paid municipal office were not related to the Respondent’s state job duties.

7. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent used state resources, including Public Defender computers and other equipment, to conduct work for the Private Company, and for his efforts to obtain a paid elected municipal office, while on state time, and while he was being compensated by the state for such time.

8. General Statutes § 1-84 (c) states in pertinent part:

No public official or state employee...shall use his public office or position or any confidential information received through his holding such public office or position to obtain financial gain for himself . . .

9. The Respondent, by using resources provided by virtue of his state position for outside work for which he was compensated financially, and for his efforts to obtain a paid elected municipal office, used his state position to obtain financial gain for himself, in violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (c).

10. Each time the Respondent used the resources provided by virtue of his state

position for outside work purposes constitutes a separate and distinct violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (c).

11. The Respondent admits to the foregoing facts and admits that such facts constitute violations of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as set forth herein.

II. JURISDICTION

1. The Ethics Enforcement Officer is authorized to investigate the Respondent's acts as set forth herein, and to enter into this Stipulation and Consent Order.

2. The provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order apply to and are binding upon the Respondent.

3. The Respondent hereby waives all objections and defenses to the jurisdiction of the Ethics Enforcement Officer over matters addressed in this Stipulation and Consent Order.

4. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under General Statutes §§ 1-80, 1-82, 1-82a, 1-87 and 1-88, including the right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Ethics Enforcement Officer to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by General Statutes § 4-177 (c).

5. The Respondent consents to jurisdiction and venue in the Connecticut Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, in the event that the State of Connecticut seeks to enforce this Stipulation and Consent Order. The Respondent recognizes that the Connecticut Superior Court has the authority to specifically enforce the provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order, including the authority to award equitable relief.

6. The terms set forth herein are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other existing or future statutory, regulatory, or other legal obligation that may be applicable to the Respondent.

7. The Respondent understands that he has a right to counsel and has been represented by counsel during the OSE's investigation and in connection with this Stipulation and Consent Order.

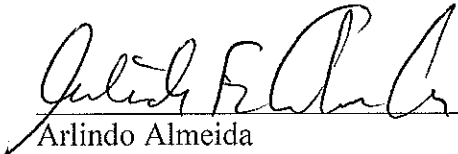
III. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to General Statutes § 4-177 (c), the Office of State Ethics hereby ORDERS, and Mr. Almeida agrees, that:

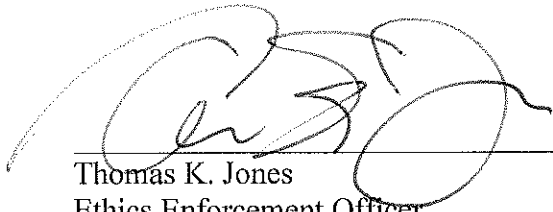
1. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88 (a) (1), Mr. Almeida will cease and desist from any future violation of § 1-84 (c).
2. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88 (a) (3), Mr. Almeida will pay civil penalties to the State in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for his violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (c) as set forth in the Complaint and herein.

WHEREFORE, the Ethics Enforcement Officer and Mr. Almeida hereby execute this Stipulation and Consent Order dated March 9, 2018.

Dated: 3/12/18


Arlindo Almeida
Respondent

Dated: 3/19/18


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