## STATE OF CONNECTICUT



STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

September 16, 1991

#### PRESS RELEASE

On August 5, 1991 Ethics Commission Staff Attorney Marianne D. Smith filed a complaint (Docket No. 91-8) against Theresa Bousquet, an employee of the Job Connection program administered by the Department of Income Maintenance. The complaint alleged that Ms. Bousquet used her public position to obtain financial gain for her child's spouse when she intercepted a job request in order to recommend her son-in-law for the job. Ms. Bousquet's son-in-law was not a Job Connection participant and would not have been eligible for a Job Connection referral.

On September 16, 1991, the Ethics Commission and Ms. Bousquet settled this matter by entering into a Stipulated Agreement. Under the settlement, the Commission found that Ms. Bousquet violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged, and Ms. Bousquet agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$100.

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DOCKET NUMBER 91-8	)	STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
IN THE MATTER OF A	)	97 ELM STREET (REAR)
COMPLAINT AGAINST	)	HARTFORD, CT 06106
THERESA BOUSQUET	)	AUGUST 16 . 1991

#### STIPULATION AND ORDER

The Ethics Commission finds that the Respondent violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged in the attached Complaint, dated August 5, 1991.

This conclusion is reached solely on the basis of the Commission's staff investigation into this matter, and is not admissible in, nor shall it be deemed to prejudice, any subsequent civil or criminal proceeding against the Respondent or any other person.

The Respondent does not choose to contest the Commission's conclusion by requesting a hearing that could result in costly litigation in this matter, and agrees that the Commission's staff investigation has produced evidence which, if believed, could lead to the conclusion that the violation alleged in the attached Complaint occurred.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes \$4-177(c), the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent, Theresa Bousquet, agree to settle this matter in the manner described below:

- 1. The Respondent waives any rights she may have under Conn. Gen. Stat.  $\S\S1-82$ , 1-82a, 1-87, 1-88 and 1-89, including the 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.  $\S4-177(c)$ .
- 2. The Commission agrees not to refer the Respondent to the Chief State's Attorney for any possible action pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat.  $\S1-88$  arising from this matter.

3. In lieu of any other action it is authorized to take in this matter, the Ethics Commission hereby orders, and the Respondent agrees to pay to the Ethics Commission, within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Stipulation and Order, a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

\* Meresa M. Bousquet

Dated

Theresa Bousquet

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State Ethics Commission

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#### COMPLAINT

- 1. The Department of Income Maintenance administers a Job Connection program, in conjunction with the State Labor Department, through which certain recipients of state assistance are eligible for job placement.
- 2. At all times relevant to the complaint herein, Theresa Bousquet (hereinafter "respondent"), was employed by the State of Connecticut Department of Income Maintenance in its Job Connection program, and was a state employee within the meaning of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-79(m).
- 3. Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c) provides that no state employee shall use his or her public office or position to obtain financial gain for himself, his spouse, child, child's spouse, parent, brother or sister or a business with which he is associated.
- 4. On or about June 3, 1991, a representative of the Holy Apostle Seminary in Cromwell telephoned the Middletown Job Connection office seeking to hire a carpenter. The representative was advised to contact the State Labor Department.
- 5. Upon learing of the call, the respondent telephoned the Seminary and recommended her son-in-law for the carpentry job. The respondent's son-in-law was subsequently hired by the Seminary
- 6. The respondent's son-in-law was not, at any time relevant to the complaint herein, a Job Connection participant and would not have been eligible for a Job Connection referral.

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7. The respondent's interception of a job request from the Holy Apostle Seminary in order to benefit her son-in-law constituted a use of her public office or position to obtain financial gain for her child's spouse, in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat §1-84(c).

Marianne D. Smith