



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

DOCKET NUMBER 98-12

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF A

20 TRINITY STREET

COMPLAINT AGAINST

HARTFORD, CT 06106

THOMAS G. COTTER

JANUARY 12, 1999

### STIPULATION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §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 the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged in the Complaint dated October 2, 1998.

2. The Respondent completely and adamantly denies the allegations contained in the complaint and states that he is willing to settle this claim only in order to avoid any further costly litigation, and to prevent the presentation of any claims and/or actions of any kind, civil or criminal, against himself and/or the current and former officers of Cotter, Cotter & Sohon, P.C.

3. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-82, 1-82a, 1-87 and 1-80, 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).

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

The Respondent agrees to pay \$5,000 to the Ethics Commission, payable in monthly installments of \$2500 each, the first installment to be made within thirty days of the signing of this Stipulation and Order.

  
Respondent, Thomas G. Cotter

1-15-99

Dated

2-1-99

Dated

State Ethics Commission  
By: Stanley Burdick  
Its Chairperson

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