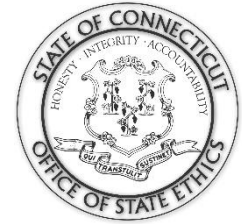


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Office of State Ethics Orders a Second \$10,000 Civil Penalty from Seabury for Violation of the Code of Ethics for Lobbyists Stemming from Lobbying before the CT Port Authority

Hartford – At today’s monthly meeting, the [Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board](#) voted to approve a Consent Order, in [Docket Number 2022-23](#) In the Matter of a Complaint Against Seabury PFRA, LLC AKA Seabury Maritime (“Seabury.”) The Consent Order requires Seabury to pay a \$10,000 civil penalty to the state for violating the Code of Ethics for Lobbyists.

This is the [second](#) time the Office of State Ethics has levied a \$10,000 penalty on Seabury. (*more information below*)

From 2017 through 2019, Seabury was acting as a lobbyist before the Connecticut Port Authority (“CPA”), as they attempted to gain contracts and other business from the CPA. In lobbying and in furtherance of lobbying, for each of these years, Seabury spent monies in excess of \$3,000 which triggered the requirement to register with the Office of State Ethics. Beyond failing to register, Seabury also did not complete any required financial disclosure.

In signing the order, Seabury did not admit liability. However, by agreeing to pay the \$10,000 civil penalty they will avoid a hearing on this matter.

“We are grateful for the significant assistance provided by the Office of the Attorney General,” stated **Executive Director Peter Lewandowski**. “Lobbying services assist state agencies and quasi-public agencies complete their important work, but information on who, what, and how much is being spent on all state lobbying must be readily made available to the public. Timely registration is not only a requirement but a cornerstone of the Code of Ethics for Lobbyists. The Office of State Ethics in its mission to uphold the Code will prosecute violators to the fullest extent of the law.”

To read the Consent Order click [HERE](#).

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BACKGROUND –

Previous settlement with Seabury 2020-15: In the Matter of a Complaint against Seabury PFRA, LLC AKA Seabury Maritime (“Seabury”). On July 5, 2022, Seabury, a New York-based company, admitted to violating Section 1-84 (m) of the Code of Ethics (“Code”) by giving gifts to employees and a member of the board of the Connecticut Port Authority (“CPA”) in 2017 and 2019, when Seabury was doing business or attempting to do business with the CPA. Pursuant to Section 1-84 (m), no person shall knowingly give, directly or indirectly, gifts to a public official or state employee when that person is doing business or seeking to do business with that public official or state employee’s department or agency. Under the terms of the Stipulation and Consent Order, Seabury paid a civil penalty of \$10,000 (\$2,500.00 for the 2017 violations and \$7,500.00 for the 2019 violations) to settle this matter.

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