



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

DOCKET NUMBERS 99-1, 99-2

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF

20 TRINITY STREET

COMPLAINTS AGAINST

HARTFORD, CT 06106

LEO PROVOST AND JASON PROVOST

APRIL 9, 1999

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-177(c), the State Ethics Commission and the Respondents agree to settle this matter in the matter described below:

1. The Commission finds that the Respondents violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged in the Complaints dated January 29, 1999.
2. The Respondents state that they relied on advice given to them by the Central Office of the state Vocational-Technical School System in proceeding on the construction of the house in question.
3. The Respondents waive any right they 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 agree 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 Respondents agree to the following order in lieu of any other action regarding this matter:

1. The Respondent Jason Provost agrees to pay \$6000.00 to the State of Connecticut Department of Education Vocational-Technical School System to compensate for the construction of the house. These payments will be made to the Department of Education in accordance with a schedule set up by that Department and approved by the Ethics Commission.
2. The Respondents also agree to a civil penalty of \$1500.00 each to the State Ethics Commission, for a total civil penalty in this matter of \$3000.00. These payments will be made in monthly installments of \$500.00 from each Respondent. The first payments are to be made within 30 days of the signing of this Stipulation and Order.

Leo J. Provost
Respondent Leo Provost

3/23/99
Dated

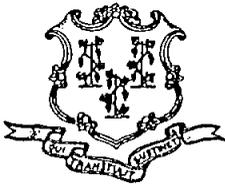
Jason Provost
Respondent Jason Provost

3/23/99
Dated

Stanley Burdick
State Ethics Commission
By Stanley Burdick, Its Chairperson

4/8/99
Dated

provstip



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

CONFIDENTIAL

DOCKET NUMBER 99-1

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF A

20 TRINITY STREET

COMPLAINT AGAINST

HARTFORD, CT 06106

LEO PROVOST

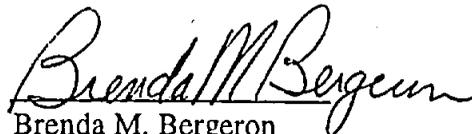
JANUARY 29, 1999

COMPLAINT

1. At all times relevant herein, the Respondent was a state employee as that term is used in the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-79 et seq., working at the H.H. Ellis Technical School ("Ellis Tech") in Danielson, Connecticut.
2. Connecticut General Statutes §1-84(c) prohibits, among other things, a state employee from using his public position to obtain financial gain for his son.
3. At some time in 1997, the Respondent approached the business manager at Ellis Tech and asked whether the school could build a house for the Respondent's son, Jason Provost.
4. Thereafter, on June 6, 1997, Jason Provost signed an application and contract with the school, agreeing to pay \$7200 for the labor, to be provided by students of Ellis Tech's carpentry department, to construct a two story Cape home with a two car garage of approximately 2100 square feet.
5. The fair market value of the carpentry work to be provided by the school was significantly greater than the contract price of \$7200.
6. The Vocational Technical School System of the State of Connecticut has promulgated an Educational Production Work Manual to govern the work of its students.
7. Under the terms of the manual, "work performed for...state employees and their immediate family....is subject to limitations. No work may be performed for these individuals off school property."

8. The application submitted by Jason Provost included a representation by him that he was not an immediate family member of a state employee.
9. The involvement of the Respondent in his son's application process violated Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c) and the rules of the Vocational Technical School System.

1-29-99
DATED


Brenda M. Bergeron
Ethics Commission Attorney

lprovcomp