

OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

DOCKET NO. 2010-23

IN THE MATTER OF A : 18-20 TRINITY STREET
 :
COMPLAINT AGAINST : HARTFORD, CT 06106

G. KENNETH BERNHARD : MAY 25, 2010

COMPLAINT

1. On January 14, 2008, the Respondent, G. Kenneth Bernhard (hereafter the "Respondent") was sworn in as a member of the Citizens Ethics Advisory Board (the "CEAB").
2. From January 14, 2008 until the date of his resignation on March 4, 2010, the Respondent was a "Public Official", as that term is defined in General Statutes § 1-79(m).
3. As a Public Official, the Respondent was subject to the Code of Ethics for Public Officials.
4. Section 1-80(j) of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials prohibits members of the CEAB and employees of the CEAB or the Office of State Ethics from making a contribution, as defined in section 9-601a, to any person subject to the Code of Ethics for Public Officials. Under Section 9-601a(1) a contribution includes "[a]ny gift, subscription, loan, advance, payment or deposit of money or anything of value, made for the purpose of influencing the nomination for election, or election, of any person or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any referendum question or on behalf of any political party"
5. On or about May 15, 2008, Respondent made a political contribution in the amount of \$100.00 to the "Marino 2008" campaign for state senate.
6. On or about May 27, 2008, Respondent made a second political contribution in the amount of \$50.00 to the "Say Yes to Nitzy" campaign for state representative for the 136th District.
7. On or about October 13, 2008, Respondent made a third political contribution in the amount of \$100.00 to Governor Jodi Rell's Exploratory Committee.

8. In October of 2009, Respondent became the Chairman of the CEAB.
9. By engaging in the course of conduct described in Paragraphs 5-7 above, the Respondent violated Connecticut General Statutes § 1-80(i).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

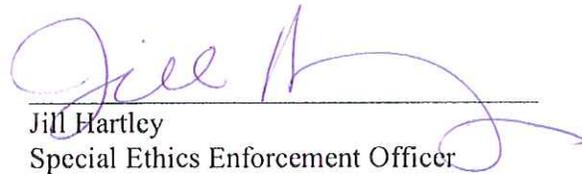
WHEREFORE, the Office of State Ethics prays for the following relief:

Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88(a)(3), an Order mandating the payment of civil penalties to the State, not to exceed \$10,000 per violation, for each violation of General Statutes § 1-80(i).

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 25th day of May, 2010.

THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS,

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