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June 4, 2004

John T. Paff
P.O. Box 5424
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Re: Local Government Ethics Law
Complaint #FDS-03-01
Notice of Dismissal

Dear Mr. Paff:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the status of the above-referenced complaint. As you are aware, the Local Government Ethics Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.1 et seq., provides the Local Finance Board (Board) with the power to initiate, receive, hear and review complaints, and hold hearings with regard to possible violations of the Local Government Ethics Law, where no local ethics board has been established, and determine if a complaint against a local government officer or employee is within its jurisdiction, frivolous, or without a reasonable factual basis, prior to conducting an investigation.

Complaint #FDS-03-01 was filed by you against Borough of Haddon Heights Municipal Prosecutor Stuart Alterman. You alleged that Mr. Alterman failed to file an Annual Financial Disclosure Statement for the filing year of 2002. As a Municipal Prosecutor of the Borough of Haddon Heights serving in 2002, he was required to file an Annual Financial Disclosure Statement by April 30th of that year.

N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.6. a. states:

Local government officers shall annually file a financial disclosure statement.

The Board reviewed its records and found that Alterman had not filed a financial disclosure statement for the year(s) 2001 or 2002 with the Board or the municipal clerk. Pursuant to the Board's established policy of allowing "local government officers" an opportunity to file, a letter was sent to Alterman informing him that municipal prosecutors are required to file the Statement(s).

On March 8, 2004, the Board received a faxed copy of Mr. Alterman's Financial Disclosure Statement, dated December 5, 2003, disclosing information on one form for both filing years 2001 and 2002.



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Therefore, the Board dismissed the complaint as no longer having a reasonable factual basis. Copies of the filings are enclosed.

This case is now closed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Ursula Baker or David Nenno at (609) 292-0479.

Sincerely,



Susan Jacobucci, Chair
Local Finance Board

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