



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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✓ Mr. Mark Ellis  
Ellis, Coleman, Poirier, LaVoie & Steinheimer, LLP

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**Re: FPPC No. 09/225, Kevin Culhane, et. al**

Dear Mr. Ellis:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to an investigation begun against you by the FPPC in response to a voluminous complaint that alleged more than 100 separate reporting and other violations involving numerous individuals and committees, including Ellis, Coleman, Poirier, LaVoie & Steinheimer, LLP.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. **Specifically, the FPPC found no violation of the Act with regard to Ellis, Coleman, Poirier, LaVoie & Steinheimer, LLP.** We are therefore closing the case with no further action.

The Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act and provides guidance regarding filing obligations over the telephone and through written advice. Please call the Commission's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Enforcement Division