



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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o/b/o Richard Rinear

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Re: Closure Letter
FPPC No. 12/110: Richard Rinear

Dear Mr. Brubaker:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act. As you are aware, the Commission received a complaint against your client, Richard Rinear, concerning the gift limits provisions of the Act. Specifically, the complaint alleges that Mr. Rinear received pro bono legal services above the gifts limits from the law firm of Stutz, Artiano, Shinoff & Holtz to represent him in a case alleging a fraudulent real estate transaction. Additionally, the complaint alleges that Respondent made governmental decisions by assigning the legal defense of employment claims and lawsuits brought against schools and districts which were part of the SDCSRM-JPA to the law firm of Stutz, Artiano, Shinoff & Holtz, which was a source of a gift to Mr. Rinear.

After a full investigation, the Enforcement Division has found insufficient evidence to find a violation of the Act. Our investigation revealed that Mr. Rinear did not receive pro bono or discounted legal services from Stutz, Artiano, Shinoff & Holtz, thus, the law firm was not a source of a gift to Mr. Rinear under to the Act. Therefore, we have closed our file in this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 916-322-5660.

Sincerely,

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Angela J. Brereton
Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division