

**GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS COMMISSION**<https://ethics.kansas.gov>

January 10, 2024

Max Stucky Halley, Candidate  
State Representative  
13198 S Lewelling Rd  
Carbondale, KS 66414

**Re: \$2,720.00 civil penalties owed to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission**

Dear Max Stucky Halley,

**This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.**

On March 25, 2021, an administrative order issued by the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission ("Commission") was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The order assessed a \$120.00 penalty for the failure to file your Appointment of Treasurer or Candidate Committee Form in a timely manner.

On June 30, 2021, Mark Skoglund, Executive Director for the Commission ("Mr. Skoglund"), sent a letter by first class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay the outstanding civil penalty. On May 12, 2023, a letter was sent by first-class mail from the Commission's former general counsel informing you that you had thirty (30) days from the date of the notice to pay this civil penalty before it was sent to the Kansas Debt Recovery System for collections. On July 5, 2023, the above civil penalty was sent to collections.

On March 24, 2022, an administrative order issued by the Commission was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The order assessed a \$300.00 penalty for the failure to file your January 10, 2022, Receipts and Expenditures Report in a timely manner.

On August 9, 2022, Mr. Skoglund sent a letter by first class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay the outstanding civil penalty. On May 12, 2023, a letter was sent by first-class mail from the Commission's former general counsel informing you that you had thirty (30) days from the date of the notice to pay this civil penalty before it was sent to the Kansas Debt Recovery System for collections.

On August 25, 2022, an administrative order issued by the Commission was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The order assessed a \$1,000.00 penalty for the failure to file your July 25, 2022, Receipts and Expenditures Report in a timely manner.

On September 29, 2022, an administrative order issued by the Commission was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The order assessed a \$300.00 penalty for the failure to file your Statement of Substantial Interests in a timely manner.

On January 27, 2023, an administrative order issued by the Commission was mailed to you by certified mail, with signed return receipt requested, and by first-class mail. The order assessed a \$1,000.00 penalty for the failure to file your October 31, 2022, Receipts and Expenditures Report in a timely manner.

On November 2, 2023, Mr. Skoglund sent a letter by first class mail, reminding you of the obligation to pay the outstanding civil penalties mentioned above. As of the date of this letter, the Commission has not received payment.

Please be advised that the Commission takes failure to pay assessed civil penalties seriously. In the absence of payment in full by February 9, 2024, the Commission intends to exercise any legal remedies available, including the State of Kansas Debt Setoff Program. If the Commission refers your debt to this program, the Kansas Department of Revenue will divert \$2,600.00 to the Commission from any money due you from the State of Kansas. Additionally, if you fail to pay by that date, your name will be posted on the Commission's website for failure to meet this financial responsibility. The Kansas Debt Setoff Program may also retain additional funds due to you from the state as payment for collection costs. Please be further advised that the Commission reserves and retains all its rights and remedies.

As stated above, \$120.00 of the total \$2,720.00 penalties owed have been forwarded to the Kansas Debt Recovery System for collections from any moneys owed to you by the State of Kansas. These debts can be removed from the Kansas Debt Recovery System if payment is received by the Commission's office.

Further action to collect the civil penalty may be avoided by mailing a check or money order in the amount of \$2,720.00 made payable to the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission so that receipt occurs by February 9, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart".

Kaitlyn R. Bull-Stewart

General Counsel