

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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PRESS RELEASE

On December 12, 2001, Ethics Commission Principal Attorney Brenda M. Bergeron filed a Complaint against William Sadek, Judicial District Chief Clerk for the New Haven Judicial District. The Complaint alleged that Mr. Sadek violated Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c) by accepting over \$2000 worth of free dry cleaning services over a two-year period from a company called Professional Dry Cleaning Services. In his role as Chief Clerk, Mr. Sadek agreed to allow the dry cleaning service to use the Clerk's Office at the courthouse as the drop-off and pick-up point for orders. Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c) prohibits a state employee from using his public office or position to obtain financial gain for, among others, himself.

The Ethics Commission and Mr. Sadek have settled this matter by entering into a Stipulation and Order that requires Mr. Sadek to pay a \$2000 civil penalty. In July of 2001, Mr. Sadek also reimbursed the company for the cost of his dry cleaning.

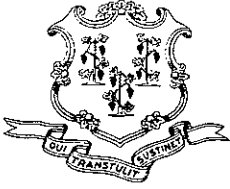
Copies of the Complaint and Stipulation and Order are attached.

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IN THE MATTER OF A

20 TRINITY STREET

COMPLAINT AGAINST

HARTFORD, CT 06106

WILLIAM SADEK

DECEMBER 12, 2001

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-177(c), the State Ethics Commission and the Respondent agree to settle this matter in the manner described below:

1. The Commission finds that the Respondent violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials as alleged in the Complaint dated December 12, 2001.

2. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§1-82, 1-82a, 1-87 and 1-80, including any right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by Conn. Gen. Stat. §4-177(c).

WHEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission enters and the Respondent agrees to the following order in lieu of any other action with regard to this matter:

The Respondent agrees to pay \$2000 to the Commission within thirty days of the signing of this Stipulation and Order, and henceforth to comply with the Code of Ethics.

William Sadek
Respondent, William Sadek

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Rosemary Giuliano
State Ethics Commission
By: Its Chairperson
Rosemary Giuliano

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COMPLAINT

1. At all times relevant to this Complaint, the Respondent William Sadek was a state employee as that term is used in the Code of Ethics for Public Officials, Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-79 et seq., serving as the Judicial District Chief Clerk for the New Haven Judicial District.
2. Under Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c), no state employee may use his public office or position to obtain financial gain for, among others, himself.
3. Approximately two years ago, a representative from a local dry cleaning service visited the courthouse at 235 Church Street in New Haven to solicit business.
4. In his role as Chief Clerk, the Respondent agreed to allow the dry cleaning service onto courthouse premises. Specifically, the Clerk's Office was used as the drop-off and pick-up point for the clothes: cleaning service employees were allowed into the Clerk's Office for that purpose.
5. On over 200 occasions over the course of the next two years, the Respondent personally utilized the services of the dry cleaning services. On each occasion, he received an invoice that indicated that no payment was due.
6. The Respondent received over \$2000 worth of free dry cleaning services.
7. In allowing the dry cleaning service to conduct its business from the Clerk's Office, and then personally receiving free cleaning from the service, the Respondent used his official position in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. §1-84(c).


Brenda M. Bergeron


Date