

DOCKET NUMBER 2005-10)	OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS
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IN THE MATTER OF A)	18-20 TRINITY STREET
)	
COMPLAINT AGAINST)	HARTFORD, CT 06106
)	
LYNDA M. MORRIS)	MAY 20, 2008

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to the Code of Ethics, General Statutes sections 1-79, et seq., the State Ethics Commission (“SEC”) issued a Complaint against the respondent Lynda M. Morris (“Morris” or “Respondent”) for violations of the Code of Ethics, Connecticut General Statutes section 1-84(b) and (c). Based on the investigation by the (“SEC”) and the Enforcement Division of the Office of State Ethics (“OSE”), the Ethics Enforcement Officer states, and the Respondent agrees, that there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent used her state position for financial gain, and accepted outside employment that impaired her independence of judgment as to her official duties.

The Parties have entered into this Consent Order following the issuance of the Complaint, but without any adjudication of any issue of fact or law herein. The execution of this Consent Order by the OSE and Respondent resolves all claims that were asserted in the above referenced Complaint.

NOW THEREFORE, the Connecticut Office of State Ethics and the Respondent hereby enter into this Consent Order and hereby agree as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Ethics Enforcement Officer is authorized to investigate the conduct alleged in the Complaint, and to enter into this Consent Order on behalf of the Office of State Ethics.

2. The provisions of this Consent Order apply to and are binding upon the Respondent.

3. The Respondent hereby waives all objection and defenses to the jurisdiction of the Ethics Enforcement Officer and the Office of State Ethics over matters addressed in this Consent Order and in the Complaint.

4. The Respondent waives any rights she may have under General Statutes sections §§ 1-80, 1-82, 1-82a, 1-87 and 1-88, including the right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Ethics Enforcement Officer to an informal disposition of this matter.

5. The Respondent consents to jurisdiction and venue in the Connecticut Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, in the event that the State of Connecticut seeks to enforce this Consent Order. The Respondent recognizes that the Connecticut Superior Court has the authority to specifically enforce the provisions of this Consent Order, including the authority to impose sanctions, issue contempt citations, and award equitable relief.

II. REPRESENTATION

The Respondent has been advised, and understands, that she has the right to counsel and has expressly determined to waive such right.

III. ORDER

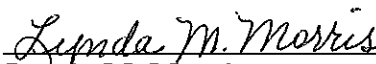
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to General Statutes section 4-177(c), the Office of State Ethics hereby **ORDERS** that:

1. If the Respondent in the future rescinds her retirement and becomes a state employee or public official, the Office of State Ethics orders that the Respondent cease and desist from any future violation of General Statutes section 1-86(b) and (c).

2. The Office of State Ethics orders, and the Respondent agrees, that the Respondent shall pay a civil penalty to the State in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) for her violations of General Statutes section 1-86(b) and (c).


WHEREFORE, the Ethics Enforcement Officer and the Respondent hereby execute this Consent Order dated May 20, 2008.

Dated: May 30, 08



Lynda M. Morris
Respondent

Dated: June 2, 2008



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