

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 5/9/2025
DOCKET#:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Scott Leehy
Office: District Judge, 4th Judicial District Court, Elec. Sec. 2, Div. A
Parish:
Election Date: 9/30/2006
Level of Office: District



REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: SUPP2024
Original Due Date: 2/18/2025
Date Filed: 4/21/2025
Activity Receipts: \$-0
Expenditures: \$-0
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$-0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1000
Days Late: 62
Late Fee Order Received: 4/19/2025
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/9/2025
Waiver Request Received: 4/24/2025
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS:

Mr. Scott Leehy is 62 and has served nearly 30 years in office. He believes in the rule of law and respects the work of the Board of Ethics. Mr. Leehy believed he submitted his report in January when he received the annual notice. He realizes that he filed the SUPP 2023 instead. Mr. Leehy takes full responsibility for this oversight and understands the importance of compliance. He did not have any activity this year and is not campaigning for any elective office, so there was no harm to the public or any potential candidate. If the Board determines that a waiver is inappropriate in this case, he is willing to write off his campaign debt of \$12,000 and close out his campaign debt in place of the late fee assessment.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: Yes
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

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**BERNARD SCOTT LEEHY
JUDGE, DIVISION A
ELECTION SECTION 2
4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
2302 MAISON ORLEANS BOULEVARD
MONROE, LA 71201**

April 21, 2025

Louisiana Board of Ethics
C/O Angela Newsome, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re: Waiver of late fee for the September 30, 2006 election.

Dear Ms. Newsome:

I am submitting this letter as my request for waiver of the late fee for the September 30, 2006 election. I received notification, Saturday, April 19, 2025, the day before Easter. I also filed my 2024 Supplemental Report this morning.

I was a bit shocked to receive the notice because I remembered receiving my annual notice from the Board of Ethics in January and I was certain, in my mind, that I had filed my Supplemental Report that same day. In fact, until I received the notification of assessment Saturday, I would have wagered my firstborn that I had filed my report. In hindsight, I guess I was thinking about the report from the prior year. My 62-year-old brain doesn't function like my 32-year-old brain did I suppose.

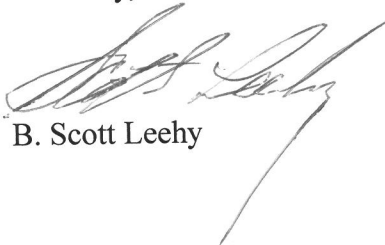
In any event, this was an oversight on my part, and I accept full responsibility. I understand the importance of full and transparent campaign finance disclosure, and I fully understand all campaign finance disclosure laws and requirements. I also understand the need for enforced compliance with all laws and requirements of campaign finance disclosure.

I am requesting a full waiver because this was an accident on my part. Please understand that I am not making any excuse for my oversight other than I sincerely believed that I had filed my report. If you review my filing history, you will see that I have faithfully complied with all filing requirements in the 29 years that I have been required to file campaign finance reports, with only one exception. That exception involved a late filing by my campaign treasurer in 2006 or 2007, and I paid the fine. There have been no other late filings.

Additionally, I had absolutely no activity last year. I am also not campaigning for any elective office so there was no harm to the public or to any potential candidate who might be contemplating running for my office. I had no funds on hand at any point last year.

If the Board does not determine that a waiver is appropriate in this case, I offer the following alternative. I am willing to take the necessary steps to "write off" my campaign debt of around \$12,000 and close out my campaign debt in lieu of the late fee assessment. As a district judge who has served nearly 30 years in office, I am a firm believer in the rule of law and I respect the work of the Board of Ethics. I will promptly comply with whatever decision the Board makes in my case. In any event, I am truly sorry to have made this oversight, and I will take steps to make sure that this never happens again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. Scott Leehy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

B. Scott Leehy

Scott Leehy
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Monroe, LA 71201

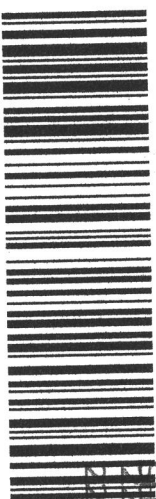
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