

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS ETHICS COMMISSION

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In re: **ALFRED CARROLL
RESPONDENT**

CASE NO. 2006-CM-006

ARKANSAS ETHICS
COMMISSION

BY *H.H.C.*

FINAL ORDER

Came for a final adjudication hearing on July 20, 2006, the complaint filed in this matter against the Respondent, Alfred Carroll, and based upon due consideration of both the evidence presented at that hearing and the applicable law, the Arkansas Ethics Commission (the "Commission") hereby makes the following findings:

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §7-6-218.
2. The Respondent is a citizen of the State of Arkansas and, during calendar year 2005, held the office of Justice of the Peace in Jefferson County, Arkansas.
3. As a public official, the Respondent was required to file a Statement of Financial Interest (SFI) for calendar year 2005 with the Jefferson County Clerk by no later than January 31, 2006.
4. The Respondent filed his SFI for calendar year 2005 on March 22, 2006, with the Jefferson County Clerk.
5. The Commission is charged with enforcing Ark. Code Ann. §21-8-70(c)(1)(A) which provides that the SFI for the previous calendar year shall be filed by January 31 of each year.
6. On April 13, 2006, the Ethics Commission brought a complaint against the Respondent. The pertinent allegation of the complaint was that the Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. §21-8-70(c)(1)(A) by failing to timely file a SFI for calendar year 2005

in his capacity as Jefferson County Justice of the Peace.

7. On April 13, 2006, the Commission sent Mr. Carroll a copy of the complaint along with a letter to notify him that an investigation was being commenced regarding the issue of whether or not he violated Ark. Code Ann. § 21-8-701 by failing to timely file a SFI for calendar year 2005.

8. The Respondent appeared at the final adjudication hearing which was held on July 20, 2006. This hearing was held in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-213.

9. The Respondent admitted that his SFI for calendar year 2005 was filed on March 22, 2006, more than fifty days after the statutorily required deadline for filing.

10. Upon consideration of the evidence presented at the final adjudication hearing, the Commission found, by a vote of 5-0, that the Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. §21-8-70(c)(1)(A) by failing to timely file a SFI for calendar year 2005.

11. With respect to this violation, the Commission has determined that the Respondent should be fined \$150.00 and issued a Public Letter of Caution. Said fine is due no later than thirty (30) days from the entry of this order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, DECIDED, and ORDERED by the Commission that the Respondent, Alfred Carroll, be fined \$150.00 and issued a Public Letter of Caution for failing to timely file a SFI for calendar year 2005.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 24th day of July, 2006.



Ted Dickey, Chairman
Arkansas Ethics Commission