

**BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Corey Wimberly

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CASE NO.

PC2008-0002

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission (Commission), pursuant to a Probable Cause investigation alleging violations of the Ethics in Government Act (Act). Corey Wimberly (Respondent) waived his right to a preliminary hearing and now agrees to resolve this matter by way of Consent Order.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In 2006, Respondent was an unsuccessful candidate for State Representative, District 171. Respondent admits that he committed the following violations of the Ethics in Government Act. First, Respondent failed to timely file three Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports (CCDRs) with the Commission, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(c). These CCDRs were due on October 25, 2006, December 31, 2006, and June 30, 2007, but were not filed until June 12, 2008. Second, Respondent has failed to file a December 31, 2007 CCDR with the Commission. Third, Respondent failed to file copies of five CCDRs with his local filing officer, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(a)(1)(A). These copies are of Respondent's CCDRs for June 30, 2006, September 30, 2006, October 25, 2006, December 31, 2006, and December 31, 2007. Finally, Respondent owes \$675 in late filing fees, assessed in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(l).

Respondent is hereby ordered to pay a total civil penalty of \$2,500 within 45 days of the date of this Consent Order. The civil penalty must be paid out of Respondent's personal funds and not those of his campaign. The check must be made out to the "State Ethics Commission." In addition, Respondent shall pay all late fees accrued within 30 days of the date of this Consent Order. Finally, Respondent shall file all delinquent CCDRs with the Commission and copies with his local filing officer within 30 days of the date of this Consent Order. Respondent is further ordered to cease and desist from any and all actions that violate the Act.

Respondent represents that the foregoing findings of fact are true, agrees to the conclusions of law, and further agrees to abide by all terms thereof. By signing this Order Respondent waives any right to an appeal pursuant to the procedures outlined in O.C.G.A. § 50-13 *et seq.* Failure to comply with the terms herein absent good faith attempts to comply will constitute a willful and knowing violation of said terms by the Respondent. Respondent's failure to comply with the terms herein shall constitute a breach of this agreement and thereby authorize the Commission to seek an enforcement action against the Respondent. The parties agree that all costs and attorney fees incurred by the Commission in an enforcement action shall be assessed against the Respondent pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(14)(C).

The Commission adopts the foregoing statements and conclusions as the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law, and orders the implementation of the terms of this Consent Order.

Signatures attested to on this 25th day
of August, 2008.

By: Rosetta C. Calhoun

RESPONDENT

[Signature]
Corey Wimberly

Notary Public, Mitchell County, Georgia
My Commission Expires Feb. 3, 2011

SO ORDERED this 25th day of August, 2008.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By: [Signature]
William H. Jordan
Chairman

Prepared by: [Signature]
Tom Plank
Commission Attorney