

NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY  
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In the Matter of Ghassan Samara  
employee of SUNY Stonybrook

DECISION

Respondent

Case No. DEDOS119419

Failure to File an Annual Statement of  
Financial Disclosure for 2007

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The New York State Commission on Public Integrity, at its October 22, 2009 meeting, having considered the hearing officer's findings of fact and recommendation in the above-captioned case, affirms the hearing officer's findings that you knowingly and wilfully failed to file an annual statement of financial disclosure for calendar year 2007.

The Commission also affirms the Hearing Officer's recommendation that no civil penalty be assessed.

Michael G. Cherkasky,  
Chair  
Daniel R. Alonso  
Virginia M. Apuzzo  
John M. Brickman  
Richard D. Emery  
Daniel J. French  
David L. Gruenberg  
Honorable James King  
Honorable Howard A. Levine  
Loretta E. Lynch  
John T. Mitchell,  
Members

DATED: October 22, 2009

**NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION ON PUBLIC INTEGRITY  
PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

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an employee of **SUNY Stonybrook**

1. Respondent was required to file the annual statement of financial disclosure ("Statement") for calendar year 2007 by November 15, 2008, as required by Public Officers Law §73-a, because Respondent was designated as an academic threshold employee by his employer.
2. Respondent was sent a Notice of Failure to File on December 10, 2008 and subsequently, on January 30, 2009, he was sent a Notice of Delinquency.
3. Respondent was sent a Notice of Hearing on May 12, 2009.
4. The hearing was concluded on June 9, 2009 at 2:30p.m. in Albany, New York. Respondent failed to appear.