
IN THE MATTER OF MEYER, SUOZZI, ENGLISH
& KLEIN, P.C.

NOTICE OF REASONABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to Executive Law §94(12)(a), the Commission on Public Integrity (“Commission”) finds that there is sufficient evidence establishing reasonable cause to believe that Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. (“MSEK”) violated Legislative Law §1-e and h, by failing to timely file a 2007-2008 Statement of Registration and accurately report the compensation received from your client, the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (“RWDSU”). On March 14, 2007 MESK filed with the Commission a contract with RWDSU with a beginning date of March 1, 2007. Subsequently, a random audit conducted by the Commission uncovered documents that indicate MSEK executed a prior agreement in January 2007 for lobbying services prior to the March agreement and billed RWSTU for payments in January and February 2007, without disclosing the contract and compensation to the Commission as required by law.

As required by law, a copy of this notice is retained by the Commission for public inspection. Please be advised that pursuant to Legislative Law §1-o(b)(i), a lobbyist, public corporation, or client who, following a hearing, is found to have knowingly and willfully fails to file a statement or report within the time required shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed the greater of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for each violation or three times the amount the person failed to properly or unlawfully contributed, expended, gave or received. In addition, pursuant to Legislative Law §1-o(b)(ii), any lobbyist public corporation, or client who knowingly and willfully files a false statement or report shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed the greater of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or five times the amount the person failed to report properly.

Dated: 2.22.10

By:



Barry Ginsberg
Executive Director
Commission on Public Integrity