



## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS May 2018

Acting Secretary of State Robert Torres announced that 13 disciplinary actions have been taken against charitable organizations, professional solicitors and professional fundraising counsel by the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations.

### **Actions**

#### **In State**

##### **Bucks County**

Donna Muchniki, 160 South Main Street, New Hope, PA 18938, paid a \$1,000.00 administrative fine as the result of violating the Pennsylvania Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act at Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through 10 P.S. § 162.8(a), by performing professional fundraising counsel services on behalf of two (2) charitable organizations while not being properly registered.

##### **Westmoreland County**

Lower Burrell Volunteer Fire Co. #3, 3255 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068, paid a \$5,000.00 administrative fine as the result of violating the Pennsylvania Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act at Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through 10 P.S. § 162.5(a), by soliciting contributions without the approved registration filed with the Bureau.

#### **Out of State**

Jerold Panas, Linzy & Partners, 500 North Michigan Avenue, #1035, Chicago, IL 60611, paid a \$1,000.00 administrative fine as the result of violating the Pennsylvania Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act at Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through 10 P.S. § 162.8(d), by performing professional fundraising counsel services without first submitting a contract and obtaining approval from the Bureau at least ten working days prior to commencing services.

Jewish Adoptions and Family Care Options, Inc., 4200 North University Drive, Sunrise, FL 33351, paid a \$15,000.00 administrative fine as the result of violating the Pennsylvania Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act at Section 15(a)(1) of the Act, 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through 10 P.S. § 162.5(a), by soliciting contributions without the approved registration filed with the Bureau.

## **Cease and Desist Orders**

### **In State**

BFW Group, LLC, Nason Construction Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 4605 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19112

Bridgeport Community Fund, P.O. Box 67, Bridgeport, PA 19045 and Carly Fenske, Esq., 144 E. DeKalb Pike, Suite 300, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Caroling for Care, Inc., 611 Wynnbrook Road, Secane, PA 19018-3514

Help Find Sophie and Jennifer Oberholtzer, 590 Centerville Road, 3376, Lancaster, PA 17601

Furever Doberman Rescue, Inc. and Sue Katzman, 2945 Whitetail Deer Drive, Bath, PA 18014

### **Out of State**

Zodiac Group, 7625 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814

270 Strategies, Inc., 626 West Jackson, Chicago, IL 60661

Infogroup, P.O. Box 3243 Omaha, NE 68103

Merkle Group, Inc., 7001 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

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