

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, :  
Bureau of Charitable Organizations :  
 : Docket No. ~~008~~-98-11  
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 vs. : File No. 11-98-02301  
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 Firefighters Charitable :  
 Foundation, :  
 Respondent :

**CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Charitable Organizations (“Bureau”), and Firefighters Charitable Foundation (“Respondent”), stipulate as follows in settlement of the above-captioned case.

**JURISDICTION**

1. This matter is before the Secretary of the Commonwealth (“Secretary”) pursuant to the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, Act of December 19, 1990, P.L. 1200, No. 202, *as amended* (“Act”), 10 P.S. §§ 162.1 *et. seq.*

2. At all relevant and material times, Respondent acted as a charitable organization as defined by the Act.

3. At all relevant and material times, Respondent was registered with the Bureau, registration number 25702.

**STIPULATED FACTS**

4. Respondent admits that the following allegations are true:

- a. Respondent's last known address on file with the Bureau is One West Street, Farmingdale, New York 11735.
- b. On or about September 18, 2007, Respondent entered into a contract with Menacola Marketing, a professional solicitor, in which Menacola Marketing was to provide professional solicitor services for Respondent in Pennsylvania.
- c. At all relevant and material times, Menacola Marketing was not registered with the Bureau.

### **AGREED VIOLATIONS**

5. Respondent admits and agrees that by engaging in the aforementioned activities:
  - a. Respondent violated the Act at 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through 10 P.S. § 162.13(f), by entering into a contract or agreement with or employing the services of an unregistered professional solicitor.

### **PROPOSED ORDER**

6. The participants, intending to be legally bound, consent to issuance of the following Order in settlement of this matter:
  - a. Respondent violated the Act at 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1), by and through, 10 P.S. § 162.13(f).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE**

- b. An **ADMINISTRATIVE FINE** of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) is levied upon Respondent. Respondent shall tender the full sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), with this executed Consent Agreement which shall be paid by **certified check, cashiers check, attorney's check, or U.S. Postal money order made payable to**

the "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." Respondent shall also pay any and all currently outstanding Administrative Fines levied by the Bureau's registration unit.

#### **CASE SETTLED AND DISCONTINUED**

7. This case shall be deemed settled and discontinued upon the Secretary issuing an Order adopting this Consent Agreement and the Respondent's successful completion of the requirements of this Order. However, nothing in this Consent Agreement and Order shall preclude the Prosecuting Attorney for the Bureau from filing charges or the Secretary from imposing disciplinary or corrective measures for violations or facts not contained in this Consent Agreement and Order.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOTICE AND WAIVER OF HEARING**

8. Respondent waives the filing of an Order to Show Cause in this matter. Respondent knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to an administrative hearing in this matter, and to the following rights related to the hearing: to be represented by counsel at the hearing; to present witnesses and testimony in defense or in mitigation of any sanction that may be imposed for a violation; to cross-examine witnesses and to challenge evidence presented by the Bureau; to present legal arguments by means of a brief; and to take an appeal from any final adverse decision.

#### **AGREEMENT NOT BINDING ON OTHER PARTIES**

9. This Consent Agreement is between the Bureau and Respondent only. It does not bind any other administrative or governmental entity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including any other bureau within the Department of State. Except as otherwise noted, this Agreement is to have no legal effect if (a) the Office of General Counsel expresses an objection

to the Agreement's form or legality and/or (b) unless and until the Secretary issues the stipulated Order.

#### **EFFECT OF SECRETARY'S REJECTION**

10. Should the Secretary not approve this Consent Agreement, presentation to and consideration of this Consent Agreement and other documents and matters by the Secretary shall not prejudice the Secretary from further participation in the adjudication of this matter. This paragraph is binding on the participants even if the Secretary does not approve this Consent Agreement.

#### **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

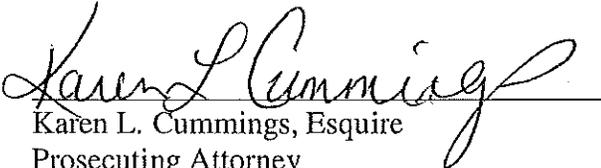
11. This Agreement contains the whole agreement between the parties; provided, however, that the captions printed in the various provisions of this agreement are for ease of reading only and are not to be interpreted as forming any part of this agreement. There are no other terms, obligations, covenants, representations, statements or conditions, or otherwise, of any kind whatsoever, concerning this Agreement.

#### **AGREEMENT DOES NOT PREVENT REFERRAL TO OTHER AGENCIES**

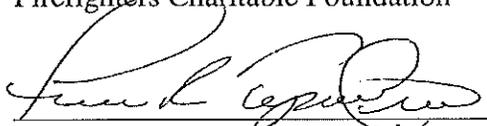
12. The parties acknowledge that other federal, state, and/or local agencies may have jurisdiction over the activities of, or representations made by, Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, employees or independent contractors. Nothing in this Consent Agreement or the Order based upon this Consent Agreement shall preclude representatives of the Bureau from referring any information or data produced as a result of this matter to any federal, state, or local agency or governmental unit having jurisdiction over the activities of Respondent or any officer, director, agent, employee or independent contractor of the Respondent.

#### **VERIFICATION OF FACTS AND STATEMENTS**

13. Respondent verifies that the facts and statements set forth in this Agreement are true and correct to the best of Respondent's knowledge, information and belief. Respondent understands that statements in this Agreement are made subject to the criminal penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

  
Karen L. Cummings, Esquire  
Prosecuting Attorney  
Department of State

Firefighters Charitable Foundation

  
By: FRANK R. TEPEDINO  
Title: PRESIDENT  
Respondent

DATED: 7/7/11

DATED: 7/5/11



**IN THE MATTER OF  
FIREFIGHTERS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION  
FILE NO. 11-98-02301**

**ORDER**

AND NOW, to wit, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011, the terms of paragraph 6 of the foregoing Consent Agreement are hereby adopted and incorporated as the Order of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in resolution of this matter. This Order shall take effect immediately.

BY ORDER:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Aichele".

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Carol Aichele  
Secretary of the Commonwealth