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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Secretary of State Pedro A. Cortés announced that 2 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

Berks County

Shoemakersville Fire Company No. 1, Shoemakersville, Berks County, paid a $2,000.00 administrative fine as the result of violating their exempt status by paying individuals in 2015 and 2016 to organize and conduct fundraising activities from which the organization received compensation in violation of 10 P.S. § 162.6(a)(ii) and by failing to register after it received contributions in excess of $25,000.00 per annum in violation of 10 P.S. § 162.15(a)(1). (4/20/17)

Out of State

The National Canine Cancer Foundation of Phoenix, Arizona, paid an administrative fine in the amount of $2,500.00, agreed not to solicit charitable contributions in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without first being properly registered with the Bureau; agreed not to solicit charitable donations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through its affiliates, branches, programs or Donor Advised Funds without the soliciting entity being properly registered; and, shall not enter into any contract or agreement or employ any professional fundraising counsel or professional solicitor unless the professional fundraising counsel or professional solicitor is registered with the Bureau because it solicited charitable contributions without being registered in the Commonwealth as required; solicited contributions in the Commonwealth after their registration with the Department had expired; failed to register its affiliates with the Bureau for each of the years that solicitations occurred; and, soliciting donations by its affiliates and for its affiliates without the affiliates being registered with the Bureau. (4/12/17)

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