



Missouri Ethics Commission

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Final Action: MEC No. 21-0048-I, Show Me Integrity

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The Missouri Ethics Commission took final consideration of the complaint filed against Show Me Integrity at its November 10, 2021 meeting.

Show Me Integrity is a non-profit corporation that describes itself as “a group of reformers in Missouri who are passionate about creating a government that is open, accountable, and not beholden to special interests” The complaint filed with the Commission alleged that Show Me Integrity was required to register as a committee and file reports with the MEC because it was the recipient of a campaign finance contribution.

A “committee” is:

[A] person or any combination of persons, who accepts contributions or makes expenditures for the primary or incidental purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election to public office of one or more candidates or the qualification, passage or defeat of any ballot measure[.]

Section 130.011(7), RSMo.

On a campaign finance disclosure report filed in July of 2021 the Show Me Integrity Action Fund (a Missouri continuing committee) reported making an expenditure of \$32,792.50 to Show Me Integrity on April 14, 2021 for the purpose of “campaign operations.” The MEC’s investigation determined that this payment was not a contribution but rather payment for services provided. Here, Show Me Integrity was simply a vendor that provided services to the committee relative to its ballot measure efforts. The MEC investigation included a review of the invoice submitted by Show Me Integrity to the Show Me Integrity Action Fund.

From the facts presented, the Commission found no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 130, RSMo, and dismissed the complaint.

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