

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
BEFORE THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION**

**In re: Michael A. Solomon,
Respondent**

Complaint No. 2014-7

ORDER

This matter having been heard before the Rhode Island Ethics Commission on November 18, 2014, pursuant to Commission Regulation 1011, and the Commission having considered the Complaint herein, the arguments of the parties, and the proposed Information Resolution and Settlement, which is incorporated by reference herein, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED

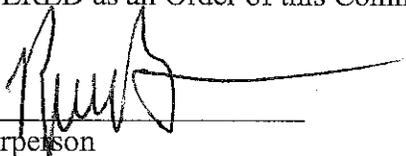
THAT, the Commission approves the Informal Resolution and Settlement as submitted; and

THAT, the Commission incorporates by reference herein the Findings of Fact and Admissions, and the Conclusions of Law, set forth in the Informal Resolution and Settlement; and

THAT, the Respondent failed to make required disclosures on his 2008-2013 Financial Disclosure Statements filed with the Commission, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16; and

THAT, the Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

ENTERED as an Order of this Commission,



Chairperson

Dated:

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INFORMAL RESOLUTION AND SETTLEMENT

The Respondent, Michael A. Solomon, and the Rhode Island Ethics Commission (“Commission”) hereby agree to a resolution of the above-referenced matters as follows:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT & ADMISSIONS

1. The Respondent was first elected to the Providence City Council (“Council”) in November 2006 and has served continuously in said capacity.
2. The Respondent also was a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Providence during 2014.
3. As a municipal elected official during calendar years 2008 through 2013, the Respondent was required to file annual Financial Disclosure Statements with the Commission on or before the last Friday in April of each year.
4. At all times hereto relevant, the Respondent has been a partner in New City Conrad, LLC.
5. The Respondent failed to disclose his position as a partner in New City Conrad, LLC on his Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar years 2008 through 2013, as required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-17(b)(6).

6. The Respondent failed to disclose his ownership or investment interest in New City Conrad, LLC on his Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar years 2008 through 2013, as required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-17(b)(7).

7. In each of the calendar years from 2008 through 2013, New City Conrad, LLC made mortgage loan payments to the Providence Economic Development Partnership (“PEDP”) relative to its property located at 385 Westminster Street, Providence, RI.

8. The Respondent failed to disclose that New City Conrad, LLC did business with the City of Providence in excess of \$250 on his Financial Disclosure Statements filed for calendar years 2008 through 2013, as required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-17(b)(1) and Commission Regulation 36-14-17006.

9. The Respondent failed to disclose his personal indebtedness to the Washington Trust Company, relative to a mortgage held on property located at 13-15 Montrose Street, Providence, RI on his Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar years 2008 through 2013, as required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-17(b)(8).

10. As of October 27, 2014, the Respondent has amended his 2008 through 2013 Financial Disclosure Statements filed with the Commission.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As an elected member of the Providence City Council, the Respondent was at all relevant times subject to the financial disclosure mandate of R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16.

2. The Respondent failed to disclose his position as a partner in New City Conrad, LLC on his Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar years 2008 through 2013, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16.

3. The Respondent failed to disclose his ownership or investment interest in New City Conrad, LLC on his Financial Disclosure Statements for calendar years 2008 through 2013, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16.

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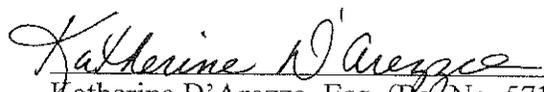
III. SETTLEMENT

Pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties hereby agree, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-13(d) and Commission Regulation 1011, to the following:

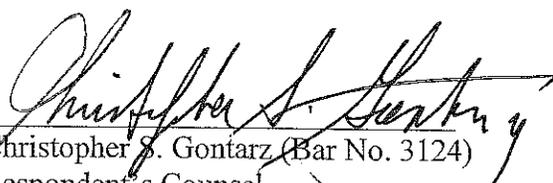
1. The Commission shall enter an Order and Judgment that the Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16 by failing to make the required disclosures on his Financial Disclosure Statements filed with the Commission.

2. The Respondent agrees that, pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Prosecution will recommend, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-13(d), the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000). The Respondent agrees to the payment of said civil penalty.

3. The above terms represent the full and complete Informal Resolution and Settlement for Complaint No. 2014-1.


Katherine D'Arezzo, Esq. (Bar No. 5710)
Commission Prosecutor
Dated: 11/17/14


Michael A. Solomon
Respondent
Dated: Nov 17-14


Christopher S. Gontarz (Bar No. 3124)
Respondent's Counsel
Dated: Nov 17, 2014