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PRESS ADVISORY

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) today announced a revised schedule for releasing to the public complaints and final decisions issued pursuant to its statutory enforcement authority.

The Commission's complaints and resulting final decisions are public documents and are available for inspection at the offices of the Commission. In order to improve access to the complaints and final decisions, the Commission will release these documents at noon on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The first such release date will be April 12, 1995. Providing complaints and final decisions on a regular schedule will enable interested individuals to plan visits to the Commission at times when new information will become available.

The Commission is charged with the responsibility for enforcing the provisions of the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq.), and the Legislative Activities Disclosure Act (N.J.S.A. 52:13C-18, et seq.). As part of its enforcement powers, the

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Commission may issue civil complaints against candidates and treasurers, political committees, continuing political committees, political party committees, legislative leadership committees, and lobbying entities.

Whenever a complaint is issued by the Commission, the parties are given the opportunity for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge in the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). A final decision is entered by the Commission either following such a hearing, after receipt of a voluntary waiver of hearing from the parties, or after the parties have been served with the complaint but have not responded to it in writing.

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