

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Steven Scott Stephens**

**Case No.: FEC 20-136**

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**TO:** Steven Scott Stephens  
800 E. Twiggs Street  
Tampa, FL 33602

Division of Elections  
500 S Bronough Street, Room 316  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission **on February 23, 2021 at 8:30 am, EST**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard.

Please note that because of COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting conducted by remote video or teleconference. Enclosed you will find additional details on joining the video conference via GoToWebinar, 9-Digit Webinar ID 627-359-707, or via teleconference by dialing (877) 309-2071 and entering the meeting access code 324-720-215, when prompted. If you wish to speak before the Commission, you will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely. Please be advised that the Commission will consider multiple cases, so you will need to wait until your case is considered. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at (850) 922-4539.

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

**If you are the Respondent**, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which motions to dismiss or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

**If you are the Complainant**, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which motions to dismiss or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

**If you are an Appellant**, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

***Tim Vaccaro***

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
February 2, 2021

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.



# Florida Elections Commission

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## **Commission Meeting February 23, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice**

In order to participate in the public portion of the February 23, 2021, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

- A. GoToWebinar – Remote Video Conferencing
  1. Open your web browser and search GoToWebinar or enter [www.gotowebinar.com](http://www.gotowebinar.com)
  2. Select Join A Webinar in the upper right corner of the website
  3. Enter the 9-digit Webinar ID: 627-359-707  
And your email address
  4. Register your name and email address
  5. You will automatically join to the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted and can choose to their webcam.
  
- B. OpenVoice - Teleconference
  1. Call 1-877-309-2071
  2. Enter Audio Access Code 324-720-215
  3. You will automatically join the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted.

While this is a public meeting and advanced registration is not mandatory, we ask that if you plan to attend via Video Conference or Teleconference, that you notify our office in advance. This will give the Commission the opportunity to organize the agenda as efficiently as possible. It will be the goal of the Commission to hear cases in which parties are present, first, in order to reduce the standby time of the parties in attendance.

You can call or email our office of your intent to participate or of any questions you may have regarding this meeting. Please provide the case number(s) of interest, when contacting our office.

Thank you,

Commission Staff

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**CASE REPORT**  
**Case Number: FEC-20-136**

**NAME:** STEVEN SCOTT STEPHENS

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 06/24/2020

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 05/11/2020 (2020 M4)

**DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT:** 06/18/2020

**NUMBER OF DAYS LATE:** 38

**AMOUNT OF FINE:** \$1,606.88

**FINE BASED ON:** (..)NUMBER OF DAYS (..) 25% OF RECEIPTS (X) 25% OF EXPENDITURES

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$0

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$6,427.52

**DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION:** 06/18/2020 (Fine Ltr)

CANDIDATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PC <input type="checkbox"/>	DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/>
CCE <input type="checkbox"/>	COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/>
POLITICAL PARTY <input type="checkbox"/>	CITY <input type="checkbox"/>

**SUMMARY:** The Honorable Steven Scott Stephens was a candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 13, Group 39 in the 2020 elections. Nancy H. Watkins was his treasurer.

Judge Steven Scott Stephens is appealing the fine claiming that the campaign report due May 11th was timely filed on May 6, 2020. According to Judge Stephens, the campaign paid the filing fee during the covered period and did not reflect that activity on the report. He states that "filing an amended report cannot change history, retroactively erasing the May 6th report and the protection of the statutory safeguards." He respectfully requests that the Commission waive the fine.

- The 2020 M4 Original Report covers the period from 04/01/20-04/30/20; it was due on 05/11/20.
- The 2020 M4 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created and filed on 05/06/20.<sup>1</sup>
- Judge Steven Scott Stephens reported receiving zero contributions, while making 1 expenditure.
- FEC staff was advised, "The candidate filed a notice of no activity (waiver) on 05/06/20. A waiver is not a report. On 06/18/20, the candidate filed a report showing \$6,427.52 of activity. The fine is based on 25% of the activity.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Judge Stephens's 2020 M4 report. However, one entry dated 06/11/20 notes that a call was made by DOE staff to the treasurer regarding a resignation letter.

**PRIOR CASES:** None.

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<sup>1</sup>The filing discussed in this bullet refers to the waiver that reflected zero activity.

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## Fw: Electronically Filed Appeal of Fine from Division

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**Date:** 06/24/2020 04:58 PM  
**Subject:** Electronically Filed Appeal of Fine from Division

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Please find enclosed my appeal with documents. No hearing or opportunity to submit further documents is requested.

S. Stephens  
(See attached file: *Appeal of StevenScott Stephens.pdf*)

IN THE FLORIDA ELECTION COMMISSION

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

In RE STEVEN SCOTT STEPHENS CAMPAIGN

NOTICE OF APPEAL OF FINE

Steven Scott Stephens, Judge, 13th Circuit of Florida ("candidate") ID 74922, respectfully appeals the Late Fine Report Letter dated June 18, 2020, attached as Exhibit 1.

**Summary**

The campaign treasurer's report that was due May 11, 2020 was timely filed on May 6, 2020. Exhibit 2. The Division accepted it, and did not flag it as incomplete (§106.107(2)(b)1 Fla. Stat.) nor did it issue a failure to file letter. (§106.107(8)(b) Fla. Stat).

True, the campaign paid the filing fee to the Division during the covered period, and did not list that in the May 6 report. But filing an amended report cannot change history, retroactively erasing the May 6 report and the protection of the cited statutory safeguards. And the statutory goal of transparency in campaign financing was never compromised, since the one transaction was reported to the Division when it occurred.

**The Administrative Record**

The Division maintains a complete record of communications between it and the candidate at <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/campaign-docs/?account=74922>. It is incorporated by reference as the record for this appeal. Additional documents are appended for the Commission's convenience.

**Facts**

On April 16, 2020, the candidate filed qualifying documents with the Division, including a check for the qualifying fee. Ex. 3. The check was received and posted on the Division's record for the candidate on the same date. Exhibit 4. Campaign

finance report 2020-M4-4 was filed for the period covering April of 2020 on May 6, 2020, and shows "filed" as of that date according to the Department's electronic system. Exhibit 2. That report did not show any transactions for the month of April and used the checkbox labeled "waiver" to report that. (Document Not available as Division shows only document as amended). The Division accepted the report even though its own records show a payment from the campaign to the Department in the amount of the filing fee during the covered period.

The Department did not notify the candidate under §106.107(2)(b)1, Fla. Stat., that the report was considered incomplete. Nor did the Division notify the candidate that the report was late under §106.107(8)(b).

Upon learning that the election would be contested, the candidate sought a professional treasurer but was delayed in engaging the right person due to office closures and other restrictions generally known in the community as a result of COVID-19. Promptly upon engagement of a professional Treasurer, Nancy Watkins, CPA, the April report was amended to reflect the payment that had been reported to the Division's other electronic campaign tracking system in April when it occurred.

## **Argument**

**1. The report was timely filed.** Treating the June amendment as erasing the May 6 report is factually and legally untenable. There is no administrative action striking the May 6 filing or finding it invalid. And of course the June 18 amendment correcting the May 6 filing could not change history, retroactively disintegrating it.

The Division's apparent position is that filing a report declaring no reportable transactions is the equivalent of not filing a report, if there were indeed reportable transactions. But the Division's electronic reporting system is configured to accept a "report" that declares no transactions occurred, giving it a number and recording its submission, which in turn prevents the sending of a Failure to File letter. One who timely files a report of no transactions can potentially be held accountable for filing an inaccurate report, but not for late

filing of the report.

It appears the Division's interpretation emanates from the unfortunate use of the term "waiver" in §106.107(7). That provides that no report at all is due from a campaign that has no reportable transactions in the covered period. It says the requirement is "waived." Better drafting practice would have been to say the report is not required under those circumstances, because "waiver" usually implies some active relinquishment of an applicable requirement.

Administering §§106.107(7) and 106.107(8)(b) together presents a quandary: when the filing deadline passes without a filing, some campaigns have reportable transactions and have missed the deadline. For those, §106.107(8)(b) directs the Division to send a Failure to File letter. But at the time, the Division cannot know if the campaign was entitled to file no report at all under §106.107(7). It resolves the quandary ingeniously by sending the letter in each case. For the persons entitled to the statutory reminder, the job has been done. The persons who are not required to file a report are asked to file a report checking the box labeled "waiver" attesting to that.

In this case, the campaign timely did that. And it was not a nullity; had the campaign done it with bad intent it would have consequences. The Division's own record keeping system shows it was filed on May 6 and amended a few weeks later. The campaign did not claim the benefit of a §106.107(7) waiver; instead it filed a report that stated no reportable transaction had occurred. The Division can set up the electronic forms so that they say "waiver" under these circumstances, but when the campaign checks that box, it is literally in the process of filing a report. Trying to erase that retroactively would make the Division's duties under 106.107(8)(b) impossible. The Division treated it as a report and decided not to send a Failure to File Letter at a time when it knew the filing fee transaction had occurred and been reported to its other record keeping system. The report was timely filed and the fine should be invalidated.

**2. Substantial Compliance.** Even if one accepts the Division's interpretation of a "waiver" report as no report at all, the fine should not be imposed in this case because the only transaction was timely disclosed to the Division. It was reported in one of the Division's two electronic record keeping systems in April but not in



the second one until June. The “substantial compliance” doctrine, see *Boatman v. Hardee*, 254 So. 3d 604, 609 (Fla. 1st DCA 2018), is usually discussed in the context of qualification, but the candidate respectfully suggests its logic applies with equal force here, as the basic disclosure requirement has been met. *Id.* at 609-10. Fining a candidate for failing to report to the Division a transaction it had *with the Division* could be viewed as unreasonable.

If there had been an actual failure to file a report, the Division would have sent a failure to file letter, 106.107(8)(b) Fla. Stat., and any deficiency could have been rectified promptly. But in this case the report was in fact filed, and the Division accepted it, without giving notice of any incompleteness that would, again, have alerted the campaign to the perceived deficiency and provided time to cure. §106.107(2)(b)1 Fla. Stat. Having amended the April report to list the transaction-- which was known to the Division when it occurred and posted on its public website-- the campaign should not be required to pay a fine for not listing it in the April report, as it has met the basic requirement of disclosure and substantially complied with reporting requirements.

Wherefore, the appellant respectfully requests that the Commission invalidate the fine.

Steven Scott Stephens

800 E. Twiggs St.

Tampa FL 33606

813 272 5330

[Signature on next page]

I certify that this appeal is submitted in good faith and the factual recitations contained herein are true. I do not request a hearing nor do I request time to submit more documents, but I will be happy to answer any questions the Commission may have.

  
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Steven Scott Stephens

6-24-20



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 18, 2020

Steven Scott Stephens  
Candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 13, Group 39

CAN 74922

Dear Judge Stephens:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on May 11, 2020, was filed on June 18, 2020. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$1,606.88.

**You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:**

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

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107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

**Summary of all filings received**

Report: 2020 - M4 - 4      2020 General Election      Covers: 4/1/2020-4/30/2020      Due: 5/11/2020

Last Review:       Reviewed:         
 Amended Waiver      Complete:         
 Filed Date:       File Status:

Transactions	Contributions	Amount	Expenditures	Amount
<input type="text" value="1"/>	Cash and Checks:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Monetary:	<input type="text" value="6,427.52"/>
	Loans:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Transfers to Off Acct:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
	Total Monetary:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Total Monetary:	<input type="text" value="6,427.52"/>
	In-Kind Contributions:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Other Distributions:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>

**Activity this report**

Orig Report      Submit Date:       By:

Contributions	Amount	Expenditures	Amount
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

Steven Scott Stephens Campaign

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DATE 4-15-20

PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

Florida Department of State is 6,427.52

Six thousand four hundred twenty seven  $\frac{52}{100}$  DOLLARS

The Bank  
of Tampa

MEMO Quality Fee 74922

*[Handwritten Signature]*



## Campaign Documents Search

Forms are available in Adobe's Acrobat PDF format for viewing or printing at your site. Accessing documents in PDF format requires use of [Adobe's Acrobat Reader](#), which may be installed free of charge.

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Stephens, Steven Scott	CAN	06/22/20	Audit Letter	<a href="#">PDF</a>
Stephens, Steven Scott	CAN	06/18/20	Fine Letter	<a href="#">PDF</a>
Stephens, Steven Scott	CAN	06/12/20	Response to Treasurer Change	<a href="#">PDF</a>
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Stephens, Steven Scott	CAN	06/11/20	Treasurer Resignation/Removal Letter	<a href="#">PDF</a>
Stephens, Steven Scott	CAN	04/16/20	Check	<a href="#">PDF</a>
Stephens, Steven Scott	CAN	04/16/20	Financial Disclosure	<a href="#">PDF</a>
Stephens, Steven Scott	CAN	04/15/20	Candidate Oath - Judicial Office	<a href="#">PDF</a>
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Stephens, Steven Scott	CAN	02/11/20	Fail to File Letter	<a href="#">PDF</a>
Stephens, Steven Scott	CAN	01/27/20	Acknowledgment Letter	<a href="#">PDF</a>
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

February 11, 2020

Steven Scott Stephens

CAN 74922

Candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 13, Group 39

Dear Judge Stephens:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was February 10, 2020.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:

\$50 per day for the first 3 days late

\$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late

If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Steven Scott Stephens, Treasurer



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Bureau of Election Records



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Steven Scott Stephens (2) 74922  
 Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 800 East Twiggs Street Tampa FL 33602  
 Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate (office sought):  
 Political Committee  Check If PC has DISBANDED  
 Committee of Continuous Existence  Check If CCE has DISBANDED  
 Party Executive Committee

**(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS**

Cover Period: From 04/01/2020 To 04/30/2020 Report Type: M4

Original  Amendment  Special Election Report

**(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT**

**(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT**

Cash & Checks \$0.00  
 Loans \$0.00  
*Total Monetary* \$0.00  
 In-Kind \$0.00

Monetary Expenditures \$6,427.52  
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00  
*Total Monetary* \$6,427.52

(8) Other Distributions

**Certification**

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss.839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of  Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer

Name of  Candidate  Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X  
Signature

X  
Signature

ID:

**CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Name: Steven Scott Stephens

Report: 2020 M4

Period: 04/01/2020 to 04/30/2020

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount Amend
		Type	In-Kind Description	

Name: Steven Scott Stephens

Report: 2020 M4

Period: 04/01/2020 to 04/30/2020

\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\*

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount
Date				Amend
1	FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE 500 S. BRONOUGH ST., #316 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399	MON	BALLOT QUALIFYING FEE	\$6,427.52
04/15/2020				ADD

ID:

**CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS**

Name: Steven Scott Stephens

Report: 2020 M4

Period: 04/01/2020 to 04/30/2020

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Nature of Account	Amount Amend

ID:

**CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS**

Name: Steven Scott Stephens

Report: 2020 M4

Period: 04/01/2020 to 04/30/2020

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

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**Queued Items for 2020-M4**

Account: 74922

**CTJ 013 Steven Scott Stephens**

Rpt Seq: 4

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Candidate/Committee Lookup

**Candidate Name: Steven Scott Stephens**

Name:

**Account: [74922](#)**

Election:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
6/19/2020	P1	6/19/2020						
6/10/2020	M5	6/4/2020						
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4/10/2020	M3	4/8/2020						
3/10/2020	M2	3/9/2020						
2/10/2020	M1	2/18/2020	CLO	8	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

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Type:

## HISTORY NOTES

### Steven Scott Stephens - 74922

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
69631	6/24/2020 4:32:00 PM		dlhoward
<p>Ref: Confidential Treasurers Pin Number</p> <p>I released over the phone the confidential deputy treasurers pin number to Judge Stephens. DLH</p>			
69620	6/24/2020 2:10:00 PM		dlhoward
<p>Ref: Confidential Deputy Pin Number</p> <p>I attempted to make contact with Judge Stephens to released his confidential deputy treasurers pin number over the phone. Since I did not get an answer, I had to leave a voice message requesting a return call. DLH</p>			
69341	6/11/2020 1:48:00 PM		zjsantos
<p>RE: Reappointment of Treasurer</p> <p>I spoke with the treasurer and informed him that we need a signed resignation letter before the changes can be made, I gave him our Email address.</p>			
68058	3/3/2020 10:07:00 AM		dlhoward
<p>Ref: Confidential Credentials</p> <p>I made phone contact with Mr. Eric R. Stephens, Campaign Treasurer for Judge Steven Scott Stephens, who confirmed the he received his confidential credentials (pin information) with the acknowledgege letter sent on February 26, 2020. DLH</p>			
68012	2/25/2020 1:01:00 PM	2/25/2020 4:17:21 PM	dlhoward
<p>Ref: Public Records Exemption for New Treasurer</p> <p>02/25/2020, 1pm – I attempted to make contact with Eric R. Stephens in reference to his Public Records Exemption status but I did not get an answer and I was unable to leave a voice message since his mail box was full. I attempted to make contact with Judge Steven Scott Stephens but did not get an answer, therefore, I had to leave a voice message requesting a return call. DLH</p> <p>At 3:14pm, I called and spoke with the Treasurer, Eric R. Stephens. I informed him that the address is confidential under the Judge's name, but not under his name. Thus, he would need to submit a form DOS-119 so that we may redact his contact information. Mr. Stephen's said he will email us the form as soon as possible. DLH</p>			



**CANDIDATE OATH -  
JUDICIAL OFFICE**

Check box **only** if you are seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate:

Write-in candidate

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**Candidate Oath**

(Section 105.031, Florida Statutes)

I, Steven Scott Stephens

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box . (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying. Although a write-in candidate's name is not printed on the ballot, the name must be printed above for oath purposes.)

am a candidate for the judicial office of Circuit Judge, 13th  
(Office) (District #) (Circuit #)


39 ; my legal residence is Hillsborough County, Florida; I am a qualified elector  
(Group #)

of the state and of the territorial jurisdiction of the court to which I seek election; I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the judicial office to which I desire to be elected or in which I desire to be retained; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

**Section 876.05, Florida Statutes, oath** (only applicable if elected and when term of office begins): I, a citizen of the State of Florida and of the United States of America, and being employed by or an officer of the court system and a recipient of public funds as such employee or officer, do hereby solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Florida.

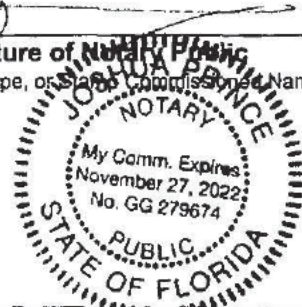
Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): [REDACTED]

**Phonetic spelling for audio ballot:** Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): [Not applicable to write-in candidates.]  
steeven skaht steevenz

**X**  [REDACTED] Steven S. Stephens  
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address @gmail.com  
800 E Twigg St Tampa FL 33606  
Address City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Hillsborough

Signature of Notary Public  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commission Number and Name of Notary Public below:



Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 14  
day of April, 2020.

Personally Known: \_\_\_\_\_ or Produced Identification:   
Type of Identification Produced: FL Driver's License

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE  
FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE**

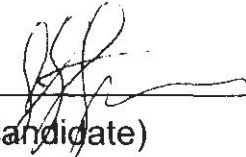
(Section 105.031(5), F.S.)

(Please Type)

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I, Steven Scott Stephens

a judicial candidate, have received, read, and understand the requirements of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of candidate)

1-23-20  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Each candidate for judicial office, including an incumbent judge, shall file a statement with the qualifying officer, within 10 days after filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository.

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

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ADMINISTRATION

I, Steven Scott Stephens,  
candidate for the office of Circuit Judge, 13th Cir. Group 37

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of  
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

1-23-20  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).



**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

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**1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):**

Initial Filing of Form      Re-filing to Change:  Treasurer/Deputy     Depository     Office     Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Steven Scott Stephens

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

800 E. Twiggs Street  
Tampa, FL 33602

4. Telephone

(813 ) 272-5330

5. E-mail address

stephenss@fjud13.org

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

Circuit Judge, Circuit 13 Group 39

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

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9. I have appointed the following person to act as my     Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Steven Scott Stephens

11. Mailing Address

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12. Telephone

( 813 ) 272-5330

13. City

Tampa

14. County

Hillsborough

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33602

17. E-mail address

stephenss@fjud13.org

18. I have designated the following bank as my     Primary Depository     Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

The Bank of Tampa

20. Address

202 N. Franklin Street

21. City

Tampa

22. County

Hillsborough

23. State

FL

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33602

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25. Date

6-10-20

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

27. **Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment** (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Steven Scott Stephens, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

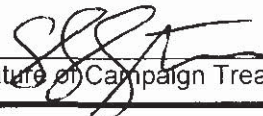
designated above as.     Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

Date

6-18-20

X

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
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**9. I have appointed the following person to act as my**  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer

**10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer**

Nancy H. Watkins

**11. Mailing Address**

610 S. Boulevard

**12. Telephone**

( 813 ) 254-3369

**13. City**

Tampa

**14. County**

Hillsborough

**15. State**

FL

**16. Zip Code**

33606

**17. E-mail address**

nwatkins@robertwatkins.com

**18 I have designated the following bank as my**  Primary Depository     Secondary Depository

**19. Name of Bank**

The Bank of Tampa

**20 Address**

202 N. Franklin Street

**21 City**

Tampa

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6-10-20

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X 

**27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment** (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Nancy H. Watkins, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as.  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

6/10/20  
Date

X   
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



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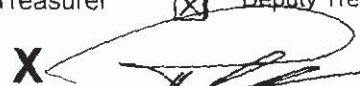
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**27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment** (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Robert I. Watkins, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:     Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

6/10/20  
Date

X   
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

From : ERIC R. STEPHENS.

I, ERIC R. STEPHENS hereby  
resign as primary treasurer  
for Steven Scott Stephens campaign.

Sincerely,

Eric R. Stephens

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric R. Stephens". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a prominent loop at the end.



**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
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Write-In     No Party Affiliation     \_\_\_\_\_ Party candidate.

**9. I have appointed the following person to act as my**     Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer

**10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer**

Eric R. Stephens

**11. Mailing Address**

**12. Telephone**

**13. City**

**14. County**

**15. State**

**16. Zip Code**

**17. E-mail address**

eric.stephens12@ucf.edu

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**X** 

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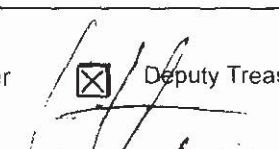
I, Eric R. Stephens, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:     Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer

6-10-20

Date

**X**

  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



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**3. Address** (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

[REDACTED]

**4. Telephone**

[REDACTED]

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Eric R. Stephens

**11. Mailing Address**

[REDACTED]

**12. Telephone**

**13. City**    **14. County**    **15. State**    **16. Zip Code**    **17. E-mail address**

[REDACTED]    eric.stephens12@ncf.edu

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**25. Date**

Feb 18 2020

**26. Signature of Candidate**

X [Signature]

**27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment** (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Eric R Stephens, do hereby accept the appointment

(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:

Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer

Feb 18 2020

Date

X

[Signature] Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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The treasurer is  
the son of a circuit  
judge, so please  
redact his contact  
info. *g*

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

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Steven Scott Stephens

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[REDACTED]

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X 

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I, Eric R Stephens, do hereby accept the appointment

(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

Feb 18 2020

Date

X

  
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