

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Peter M. Brigham

Case No.: FEC 18-116

TO: Peter M. Brigham
23920 NW 27th Street
Morrison, FL 32668

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 14, 2018 at 9:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **First District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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 consent orders 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 consent orders 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 on this date. 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.

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
July 30, 2018

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 hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

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
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC-18-116

NAME: **PETER M. BRIGHAM**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 05/14/18

DATE REPORT DUE: 04/10/18 (2018 M3)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 04/23/18

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 13

AMOUNT OF FINE: **\$5,150.00**

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$50,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 04/11/18

CANDIDATE [X]	STATE [X]
PC []	DISTRICT []
CCE []	COUNTY []
POLITICAL PARTY []	CITY []

SUMMARY: Peter M. Brigham is a candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 5 in the 2018 elections. Judge Brigham is his own treasurer.

The Honorable Judge Peter M. Brigham is appealing the fine claiming that he incompletely submitted the required report on April 5, 2018, some 5 days before the due date on April 10, 2018. According to Judge Brigham, the true reason the report was not completely submitted is unknown. He states that it is a combination of a “computer glitch”, human error on his part or a lack of experience. Judge Brigham also notes that he loaned his campaign all the money in the account and he has not collected any contributions to date. The \$50,000.00 he loaned his campaign account came directly from the sale of his mother’s house.

- The 2018 M3 Original Report covers the period from 03/13/18-03/31/18; it was due on 04/10/18.
- The 2018 M3 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created on 04/05/18 at approximately 5:17pm and filed on 04/23/18.¹
- Judge Peter M. Brigham reported receiving 1 contributions, while making 0 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Peter M. Brigham’s 2018 M3 report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

¹ The 2018 M3 Queued transaction report shows that the first entry is a report that was created on 04/04/18 and deleted on 04/05/18 at approximately 5:17:01pm. It appears a new report was immediately created on 04/05/17 at 5:17:31pm and filed on 04/23/18.

From: Peter M. Brigham

Candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 5

23920 NW 27th Street

Morrison, FL 32668 32668

(352) 870-5311

pbrigham@circuit5.org

To: Agency Clerk

Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0150

May 9, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed my appeal of an automatic fine.

Sincerely,



Peter M. Brigham

Candidate for Circuit Court, Circuit 5, Group %

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Notice of Appeal and Request for Personal Hearing

Peter Matthew Brigham, Appealing Party

Candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 5

May 9, 2018

To: Agency Clerk

Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0150

Copy to: Filing Officer

c/o Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

Bureau of Election Records

500 South Bronough Street, Room 316

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

From: Peter Matthew Brigham, Appealing Party

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Appeal of Automatic Fines for a Report Violation, Florida Statute Chapter 106

“For the purposes of commission jurisdiction, a violation shall mean...the willful failure to perform an act required by this chapter or chapter 104.”

Florida Statute 106.265(1)

Introduction:

My name is Peter M. Brigham and I am a candidate for Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Group 5. Recently, I received written notice that I had been automatically assessed a fine of \$5,150.00. (Please see attached letter from the Department of State, Division of elections dated April 27, 2018.)

I was assessed this automatic fine for filing a campaign treasurer's report on April 23, 2018, rather than on April 10, 2018. As you will see, the campaign treasurer's report was in fact completely submitted on April 23, 2018, some 13 days after the due date of April 10, 2018. However, as my explanation will show, I actually incompletely submitted the required report on April 5, 2018, some 5 days before the due date. The true reason why the report was not completely submitted on April 5, 2018 is unknow to me. To the best of my belief, it is some combination of a "computer glitch," human error on my part, or a lack of experience in these matters on my part. One thing remains true and unwavering: I did not *willfully* fail to submit the report as required by Florida Statute chapters 104 or 106.

Facts:

I am the candidate for the circuit court, the treasurer of my campaign, and the campaign manager. Truth be told, I am a one-man campaign. I was fortunate to be appointed to the circuit court bench by Governor Rick Scott effective April 1, 2017. Thus, I must stand election in the 2018 election cycle. This is the first time I have run for office in any capacity, thus I am learning as I go.

In March 2018 I opened my campaign account at the Campus USA Credit Union. I loaned my campaign all the money in the account, I have collected no campaign contributions to date. Thus, all the money in the account came from me.

On March 9, 2018 I mailed my Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates (Form DS-DE 9) To the Department of State, Division of Elections.

In turn, the Department of State, Division of Elections mailed an acknowledgement letter to me dated March 14, 2018. The acknowledgement letter clearly indicated to me that the first campaign treasurer's report was due on April 10, 2018. The letter also gave me information regarding the Electronic Filing System (EFS), my filing credentials, and warnings regarding potential fines.

Based upon advice contained in the letter, I familiarized myself with chapters 104 and 106 Florida Statutes, the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 1S-2.017 of the Florida Administrative Code, the Candidate's EFS User's Guide.

I live in a rural North Central Florida in a place called Morriston. Morriston is situated in both Levy and Marion Counties, astride U.S. Highway 41 between the towns of Williston and Dunnellon, Florida. To give an idea of how small Morriston is, our only traffic control devices are stop signs; we do not even have a blinking electric caution light on any of the intersections with U.S. Highway 41. Nor do we have internet cable or cable TV service of any kind. Thus, my sole means of having an internet connection is by way of a "hot spot" that connects my computer to the internet via cell phone service.

On April 5, 2018, armed with my limited experience in these matters, my copy of the Candidate's EFS User's Guide, and the best internet connection available to

me, I attempted to submit the initial Campaign Treasurer's Report, which was due on April 10, 2018.

I tried at least three times to submit the report on April 5, 2018. Eventually, I believed I had succeeded in submitting the report. I later learned, on April 23, 2018, that although I had inputted all the required information into the EFS system on April 5, 2018, for some reason the report was not completely submitted into the EFS system. I learned this by speaking to "Nathan" at the EFS helpline at the Division of Elections on April 23, 2018. Nathan was the person who talked me through the process on the phone to complete the submission of the report.

In the process of writing this appeal I spoke to Nathan over the phone. I reached out to him in an attempt to obtain computer records from the EFS system that would show my attempts to submit the required report on April 5, 2018. Nathan told me there are no computer records available to show in detail my attempts to file the report on April 5, 2018. However, Nathan did advise me that the Summary of All Filings Received on the EFS website shows that the report has a "Last Review" date of 4/5/2018. (Please see the attached print-out of a screen shot from the EFS system.)

Thus, as early as April 5, 2108 I believed I had fulfilled my obligation to submit the initial Campaign Treasurer's Report which was due on April 10, 2018.

On April 11, 2018 the Division of Elections sent me a letter notifying me of a potential problem. The problem, according to the letter, was one of two things:

1. That I had not filed my Campaign Treasurer's Report, or
2. That I had not filed notification that no reportable activity had occurred.
(Please see attached letter from the Division od Elections, dated April 11, 2018.)

The letter went on to say two more things, First, if reportable activity had occurred, and I had not filed a report, I would be subject to statutory fines.

Second, and more important, that if there was no reportable activity, I still had to report "no reportable activity" in writing to the Division of Elections via the EFS system, and most importantly: "*No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.*"

I received the April 11, 2018 letter from the Division of Elections on either April 16th or 17th, I do not clearly recall which. However, I read the letter while I still had the mistaken belief that I had fully submitted the required report on April 5, 2018. Thus, I had the honest belief that the letter only referred to a “no reportable activity report” that had not been filed, and that, by the terms of the letter, no automatic fines would be assessed.

During the week of April 16, 2018, I traveled for pleasure to Cleveland, Ohio. I accompanied my wife on one of her business trips. So, although she was working, I was not. We returned to Florida on Sunday April 22, 2018. That is when I began to try to figure out how to file a “no reportable activity report” with the Division of Elections via the EFS system. As it turns out, there is no “No reportable activity report,” one must check the “waiver” box in one of the EFS screens to file such a report.

The first business day after my return from Cleveland, April 23, 2018, I called the EFS Help Line at the Division of Elections to ask advice on filing a “no reportable activity report” via the EFS system. That is when I first spoke to Nathan at the Division of Elections. When I inquired about the “no reportable activity report” Nathan informed me that what was really due was my initial Campaign Treasurer’s Report. Imagine my surprise, and the sick feeling in the pit of my stomach.

I explained to Nathan that there must be some mistake, as I had actually submitted the required report early, well before April 10, 2018. Nathan explained to me, that although it was clear I had attempted to submit the report on April 5, 2018, the report was not completely submitted for some reason. Nathan talked me through the report procedure and told me that as of that day, April 23, 2018, the report was completely filed with Division of Elections. Nathan also explained to me that I would most likely receive a letter advising me of a fine, along with this appeal process.

Mitigation and Aggravation:

Florida Statute section 106.265(2) contains the following elements of mitigation and aggravation that should be considered in this appeal, and an excerpt of that statute section is below:

(2) In determining the amount of such civil penalties, the commission or administrative law judge shall consider, among other mitigating and aggravating circumstances:

(a) The gravity of the act or omission;

(b) Any previous history of similar acts or omissions;

(c) The appropriateness of such penalty to the financial resources of the person, political committee, affiliated party committee, electioneering communications organization, or political party; and

(d) Whether the person, political committee, affiliated party committee, electioneering communications organization, or political party has shown good faith in attempting to comply with the provisions of this chapter or chapter 104.

I would like to address each in turn.

106.265(2)(a) The gravity of the act or omission: This is an important issue, and I do not take lightly the fact that I failed to completely file the full report on April 5, 2018. It is vitally important that campaign finance laws are followed.

106.265(2)(b) Any previous history: As I have mentioned elsewhere, this is my first campaign for election, and it is the first time I have made a mistake like this.

106.265(2)(c) The appropriateness of such a penalty given my financial resources: It may look like I have a lot of cash, but there is more to the story. The \$50,000.00 I loaned my campaign account came directly from the sale of my mother's house after her death. I split the net proceeds of the sale with my three sisters, and my share was something over \$50,000.00. Elsewhere you will see that I have a good sized net worth, but most of my net worth is in the equity of my home that my wife and I have paid off. The remainder of my net worth is in retirement accounts and vehicles that are depreciating. Also, half of the net worth is really my wife's, as

well. We celebrated 31 years of marriage on May 9, 2018. Our financial situation is the result of planning, frugality, and not making risky investments over the course of our marriage. A fine of \$5,150.00 is substantial in my eyes, and I ask you to consider how I acquired my net worth over the last 30 years or so.

106.265(2)(d) Did I show good faith in attempting to comply: To be brief, I attempted in good faith to file the treasurers' report due on April 10, 2018 five days early on April 5, 2018. As I have said, I do not know why, exactly, the report was not completely submitted on April 5th. If I could do it over again, I certainly would!

Summary:

It is clear to me that my initial Campaign Treasurer's Report due on April 10, 2018 was not completely submitted until April 23, 2018. Thus, I do not take the position that my report was timely filed according to the rules and regulations governing the EFS system.

I truly believed that I had successfully submitted the Campaign Treasurer's Report on April 5, 2018.

I learned, for the first time, that I was mistaken on April 23, 2018. As soon as I was aware of my mistake, I corrected my error by completely submitting the report that was already in the EFS system.

Thus, my position *is I did not willfully fail to perform and an act as required by Florida Statute chapter 106*. I actually tried, to the best of my ability at the time, to submit the required report on April 5, 2018.

I cannot point to the exact reason why the report was not fully submitted on April 5, 2018. Perhaps I simply made a mistake. Perhaps I simply did not have the technical skill to realize there was a problem. Perhaps it has something to do with my tenuous computer connection to the internet via a cell phone hot-spot.

Florida Administrative Code 2B-1.005 provides, in part, that an unusual or other circumstance beyond the control of the candidate that could cause the report to be filed late include a computer or equipment failure. I contacted Nathan at the EFS help desk in an attempt to obtain some type of report that would show my attempts to successfully file the report on April 5, 2018. I did this in an effort to show in this appeal that I had suffered some type of computer or equipment failure. Unfortunately, no such definitive records exist. I do point to circumstantial evidence of a computer or equipment failure: The EFS report screen clearly shows a "Last Review" date of the report in question of April 5, 2018. I was clearly doing my best to timely submit my initial Campaign Treasurer's Report

I opened my campaign account with a loan from me to my campaign. I have not received any campaign contributions to date. The amount I attempted to report on April 5, 2018, \$50,000.00, had not changed up to April 23, 2018. The only expenditure to date has been the \$5,843.20 qualifying fee for the campaign. I have not attempted to hide money or deceive anyone as to the true state of my campaign account.

I know that campaign finance laws are vitally important in our society. For elections to be open, free, and fair, all campaign laws must be followed. I tried, to the best of my ability, to comply in this case. For whatever reason, I failed. *But I did not willfully fail to submit the report*, I tried, I really tried, to submit the report on time.

Conclusion:

I respectfully request this appeal be granted in my favor and I not be fined for willfully failing to file my initial treasurer's report. I did not willfully fail to act. I tried to act, I failed in the attempt to fully file my initial treasurer's report on April 5, 2018, some five days before it was due.

I respectfully request a Personal Hearing in this appeal.

Thank you for your time and attention to my written appeal. I look forward to resolving this matter as soon as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Brigham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter M. Brigham

Candidate for Circuit Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Group 5

23920 NW 27th Street

Morrison, Florida 32668

(352) 870-5311

pbrigham@circuit5.org



Signed On As: 70501

Tuesday, May 08, 2018

Peter M. Brigham(70501-STA) Circuit Judge

Filed Report Summary

Home Filings Transactions Print Queue Campaign Account Sign Out Help

Summary of all filings received

Report: 2018-113-1 2018 General Election Covers: 3/13/2018-3/31/2018 Due: 4/10/2018

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

Transactions	Contributions	Amount	Expenditures	Amount
1	Cash and Checks:	0.00	Monetary:	0.00
	Loans:	50,000.00	Transfers to Off Acct:	0.00
	Total Monetary:	50,000.00	Total Monetary:	0.00
	In-Kind Contributions:	0.00	Other Distributions:	0.00

Activity this report Orig Report Submit Date: By:



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

May 14, 2018

Peter M. Brigham
Candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 5

CAN 70501

Dear Judge Brigham:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on April 10, 2018, was filed on April 23, 2018. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$5,150.00.

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:

*Florida Elections Commission
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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Reid Willis".

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 27, 2018

Peter Matthew Brigham
Candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 5

CAN 70501

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 11, 2018

Peter Matthew Brigham
Candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 5, Group 5

CAN 70501

Dear Judge Brigham:

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 April 10, 2018.

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

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

(1) Peter M. Brigham (2) 70501
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 23920 Northwest 27 Street Morrison FL 32668
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 03/13/2018 To 03/31/2018 Report Type: M3

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks \$0.00
 Loans \$50,000.00
Total Monetary \$50,000.00
 In-Kind \$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures \$0.00
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00
Total Monetary \$0.00

(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

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

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

Name of Candidate Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

ID: 70501

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT -- ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Page 1 of 1

Name: Peter M. Brigham

Report: 2018 M3

Period: 03/13/2018

to 03/31/2018

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	BRIGHAM PETER	S	CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE	\$50,000.00
03/13/2018	23920 NW 27 STREET MORRISTON, FL 32668	LOA		

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Name: Peter M. Brigham

Report: 2018 M3

Period: 03/13/2018 to 03/31/2018

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

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

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

Name: Peter M. Brigham

Report: 2018 M3

Period: 03/13/2018 to 03/31/2018

**** 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: Peter M. Brigham

Report: 2018 M3

Period: 03/13/2018 to 03/31/2018

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

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Related Expenditure	Amend

Queued Items for 2018-M3

Account: 70501

CTJ 005 Peter M. Brigham

Rpt Seq: 1

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	70501	4/4/2018 10:45:38 AM	4/4/2018 10:45:38 AM
Delete Pending Report	Processing Complete	70501	4/5/2018 5:17:01 PM	4/5/2018 5:17:01 PM
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	70501	4/5/2018 5:17:31 PM	4/5/2018 5:17:31 PM
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Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Peter M. Brigham

Name:

Account: 70501

Election:

Acct:

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Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
5/10/2018	M4	5/3/2018						
4/10/2018	M3	4/23/2018	APP	13	\$5,150.00		\$5,150.00	\$0.00



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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Secretary of State

March 14, 2018

The Honorable Peter Matthew Brigham

Dear Judge Brigham:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of Circuit Judge, which was placed on file in our office on March 13, 2018. Your name has been placed on the 2018 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **April 10, 2018**. The report will cover the period of March 1-31, 2018 (M3). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 70501

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight

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of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Instructions and Assistance

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/jcs

Enclosures

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

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

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)

Peter Matthew Brigham

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

[REDACTED]

4. Telephone

[REDACTED]

5. E-mail address

pbrigham@circuit5.org

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)
Circuit Court Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit, Group 5

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

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

Peter Matthew Brigham

11. Mailing Address

[REDACTED]

12. Telephone

[REDACTED]

13. City

[REDACTED]

14. County

[REDACTED]

15. State

[REDACTED]

16. Zip Code

[REDACTED]

17. E-mail address

pbrigham@circuit5.org

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

19. Name of Bank

Campus USA Credit Union

20. Address

11115 SW 93rd Court

21. City

Ocala

22. County

Marion

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

34481-3103

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

March 8, 2018

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

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

I, Peter M. Brigham, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

March 8, 2018

Date

X



Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE
FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE**

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

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I, Peter Matthew Brigham

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



(Signature of candidate)

March 8, 2018

(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.)

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I, Peter Matthew Brigham

candidate for the office of Circuit Judge, 5th Circuit, Group 5 ;

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

X 
Signature of Candidate

March 8, 2018
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).