

April 27, 2007

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Re: Section 16 of the application

Dear Chairman Bass and Commission Members:

On August 11, 2006, I entered a plea of no-contest to a violation NCGS § 120-47.2, which, at the time, governed the lobbying statutes for North Carolina.

It was with much personal deliberation that I entered this plea, as opposed to pleading my innocence. Though I now understand how the investigators arrived at their decision to proceed with a charge against me, it was a matter of *unintentional* violation on my part, and one in which the lobbying laws – at the time – were vague and unclear as to the activities governing my role as a *consultant* for my client.

Because of the media attention surrounding the investigation, the North Carolina General Assembly has now passed much more pristine laws (NCGS § 120C-100) that adequately describe what actions are considered lobbying, and what activities are not.

I paid the court-ordered fine and completed my community service immediately after the August 11, 2006 court date. I have no other criminal or civil items pending or in my background.

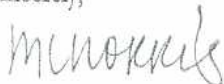
I am truly sorry for the unintentional violation of the Statute, and I can certainly attest that the entire ordeal was a profound learning experience. It has made me incredibly aware of the intricacies of the complex laws in our State – *when in doubt, ask!* – and gives me insight that many other real estate license applicants may not have.

Related to this incident is the amount of media exposure I have had for well-over the past year. It has elicited a few unwelcome communiqués (either in person or via phone / e-mail) from strangers who gained access to my telephone, e-mail address, and home address through media reports or public records. For that reason, I have not disclosed a home address, telephone number, or e-mail address on my application, as I noted the application itself is a public record. If there is a way to respect and retain my private information, I would be very much appreciative. (As a matter of addition, pertaining to section 14, my previous address was 519 Wade Avenue, Number Ten, Raleigh, NC 27605 where I lived from 1999 – 2001. I have lived at my current residence – *address above* – since 2001).

Thank you for your favorable consideration of my application. If you have any questions whatsoever, please let me know and I will be more than happy to respond.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,



Meredith L. Norris