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David Forsythe, Chair
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
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Re: 2022 Annual Report

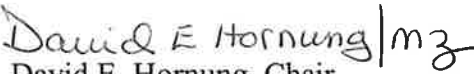
Dear Chair Forsythe:

As required in Article 15, Section 7 of the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law, this document is the Annual Report of the activities of the St. Lawrence County Board of Ethics for the period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022:

1. We continued with the established ethics training procedure for current and future county employees. The County Attorney has provided training videos which are available on the Ethics Board website for employees, board members and elected officials.
2. We reviewed and disposed of six (6) complaints.
3. We provided two (2) advisory opinions.
4. We reviewed the Annual Disclosure Statements submitted by county employees and county policy makers as required by the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law. The review is to assure that the filed forms are complete and responsive on their face to the requirements of the law.
5. The Board of Ethics has established a list of all elected officials, appointees of the Board of Legislators, deputies of said appointees and advisory boards or councils required to file a financial disclosure statement. The Board was notified of several of the "non-policy making boards" and assistant attorneys" objecting to the requirement to file the disclosure. The Board does retain the power to grant waivers pursuant to the authority granted it under Article 19 of the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law of 2009 as amended in 2015. We granted a waiver to the non-policy making boards for the 2021 and 2022. We did not extend a similar waiver for the 2023 year.

6. We completed a review of the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law. Recommendations for any proposed changes in the law are currently being drafted to provide to the Board of Legislators for review.
7. We continued to be available to respond to requests for advisory opinions and to respond to complaints of alleged violations of the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law.

Very truly yours,


David E. Hornung, Chair
St. Lawrence County Board of Ethics

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