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William Sheridan, Chair
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
48 Court Street
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Re: 2021 Annual Report

Dear Chair Sheridan:

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, 2021 to December 31, 2021:

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 eleven (11) complaints.
3. We provided three (3) 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 year only. We did not extend a similar waiver to the “assistant attorneys” that were required to file. Attached you will find Advisory Opinion #2020-07 for your reference.

6. We completed a systematic review of the St. Lawrence County Ethics Law. There were no recommendations for any proposed changes in the law at that time.

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/mz

David E. Hornung, Chair
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Sincerely,

David E. Hornung, Chair
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