



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

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Governor

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Secretary of State

May 9, 2023

[Redacted]
c/o [Redacted]

Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-23-1

Dear [Redacted],

We received on March 1, 2023, your request for an advisory opinion. You indicate that you have more than one felony conviction and that your request is on whether you have any outstanding legal financial obligations under section 98.0751, Florida Statutes, which would otherwise make you ineligible to vote and if so, a statement of the amount that must be paid to make you eligible to vote, and an explanation of how the amount was calculated.

The Division hereby responds to your request pursuant to its legal authority under section 106.23(2), Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.010, to provide an advisory opinion to you as an individual seeking to be involved in a political activity (voting) and the particular activity in your inquiry (eligibility to vote).

Per Rule 1S-2.010(4)(f), the requestor must provide the precise factual circumstances giving rise to the request. You reference and provide documentation for five separate cases in which you were adjudicated guilty of committing at least one felony, and the Division has found the following felony cases associated with your file:

- 1. [Redacted]-CF-[Redacted]
2. [Redacted]-CF-[Redacted]
3. [Redacted]-CF-[Redacted]
4. [Redacted]-CF-[Redacted]
5. [Redacted]-CF-[Redacted]

As it relates to case [Redacted]-CF-[Redacted], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty for one felony, and you were sentenced on August 2, 1993. You were also ordered to pay \$300.00 in costs, fines, and fees, \$150.00 in attorney’s fees, and \$175.00 in restitution. Our records indicate that you



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have paid all of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this case, including attorney's fees and restitution. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe \$0.00 in case █████-CF-█████.

As it relates to case █████-CF-█████, our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty for one felony, and you were sentenced on August 2, 1993. You were also ordered to pay **\$175.00** in restitution, but this case was attached, for sentencing purposes, with case █████-CF-█████. Our records indicate that you have paid all of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this case. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe \$0.00 in case █████-CF-█████.

As it relates to case █████-CF-█████, our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty for one felony, and you were sentenced on April 7, 1997. You were also ordered to pay **\$287.00** in costs, fines, and fees. Our records indicate that you have paid all of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this case. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe \$0.00 in case █████-CF-█████.

As it relates to case █████-CF-█████, our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty for one felony, and you were sentenced on June 12, 2002. You were also ordered to pay **\$408.00** in costs, fines, and fees. Our records indicate that you have paid all of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this case. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe \$0.00 in case █████-CF-█████.

As it relates to case █████-CF-█████, our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty for one felony, and you were sentenced on November 8, 2004. You were also ordered to pay **\$490.00** in costs, fines, and fees. Our records indicate that you have paid all of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this case. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe \$0.00 in case █████-CF-█████.

The Division of Elections finds that the amount of legal financial obligations related to your felony convictions in the above-referenced cases that must be paid to make you eligible to vote is \$0.00. See Article VI, Fla. Const. § 98.0751, Fla. Stat. (articulating restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence). We conclude based upon the information we located that you are eligible to vote.

Please note that the finding in this opinion is based solely upon the five cases located from the personal identifying information you provided in your request for an advisory opinion. You have not indicated any other convictions in any statewide or national jurisdictions and the Division does not opine as to whether any other convictions exist nor whether any such other convictions would interfere with eligibility.

Thank you for submitting your request. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections