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PRESS RELEASE

Former Nye County Commissioner Fined for Failure to Comply with the Nevada Ethics Law

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (April 20, 2023) – The Nevada Commission on Ethics accepted a stipulated agreement at the April Commission meeting regarding former Nye County Commissioner Leonardo Blundo. The stipulated agreement, approved by a 3-1 vote on April 19, comes after Commissioners ruled on Motions for Summary Judgment at their March 2023 meeting. Blundo's case before the Commission stemmed from a failure to properly disclose his private interests in relation to enhancing COVID relief funding for Nye County businesses, including his own. The stipulated agreement includes two ethics violations. One is found to have been willful and the other non-willful under the Ethics Law. Mr. Blundo will be required to pay a \$4,500 fine and will receive a reprimand from the Commission.

This is the first case in which the Commission has found that a public officer or employee violated the Nevada Ethics Law in relation to COVID-related funding. Individuals who believe a public officer or employee has violated the Nevada Ethics Law in relation to COVID-related funding can file a complaint at <https://ethics.nv.gov/>.

In addition to the Commission meeting, a Review Panel of the Commission met and made the following final determination:

In re Saxe, Former Public Defender, Clark County Public Defender's Office
Ethics Case No. 22-117C
Determination: Dismissal with Letter of Caution

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled on May 17 and will be held in Reno. Zoom videoconference connectivity will also be available.

Meeting Materials: <https://ethics.nv.gov/Meetings/2023/2023/>

Panel Determinations: <https://ethics.nv.gov/Opinions/>

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