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### PRESS RELEASE

#### *State Ethics Commission General Counsel Determines Probable Cause in SEC Administrative Case No. 2022-027, Kokinadis v. Bedonie*

*Albuquerque, NM, October 23rd, 2023* – On September 22, 2023, the New Mexico State Ethics Commission’s general counsel determined in a set of written findings that a complaint filed with the Commission by Brett Kokinadis against Karen Bedonie for New Mexico is supported by probable cause and therefore should be decided at a public hearing. On October 23, 2023, the complaint and related filings, including the general counsel’s probable cause findings, were made public.

The allegations specifically pertain to the failure to report in-kind contributions and coordinated expenditures, as well as the failure to ensure that advertisements properly included the name of the persons who authorized and financed them as required by the Campaign Reporting Act. To read the complaint, the general counsel’s findings, and other filings related to this case, please visit the following link: <https://proceedings.sec.nm.gov/public-list.html>

This case has been assigned to the Honorable Judge Alan C. Torgerson (Ret.). At a public hearing, Judge Torgerson will determine whether a preponderance of the evidence establishes violations of the Campaign Reporting Act, as identified in the general counsel’s findings. A date for the public hearing will be determined by Judge Torgerson.

**About the State Ethics Commission**

The State Ethics Commission is an independent, constitutional state agency with the authority to enforce civil violations of New Mexico’s governmental ethics and disclosure statutes, including the Campaign Reporting Act. The Commission is comprised of three Democratic Commissioners, three Republican Commissioners, and one independent Commissioner who is registered as “decline to state.”

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