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## **Philadelphia Board of Ethics**

### **ADVISORY ALERT**

#### **DOUBLING OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009 FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ELECTION**

Chapter 20-1000 of the Philadelphia Code contains the City's campaign finance law. The provisions of Chapter 20-1000 are subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics. Section 20-1002 establishes contribution limits for candidates for City office.

Pursuant to §20-1002(1), no individual shall contribute more than \$2,600 per calendar year to a candidate for City office.

Pursuant to §20-1002(2), no person, other than individuals who are covered by §20-1002(1), and no political committee shall contribute more than \$10,600 per calendar year to a candidate for City office. The term person is defined in §20-1001(11) as: "An individual, partnership, corporation, sole proprietorship, or other form of business organization."

However, the contribution limits do not apply to contributions from a candidate's personal resources made to his or her designated candidate committee.

Pursuant to §20-1002(6), if a candidate makes total contributions of \$250,000 or more (regardless of the time period over which such contributions are made) to his or her candidate committee, then the contribution limits set forth in §20-1002 shall double for that calendar year for all candidates for that City elective office.

On December 31, 2008, Dan McCaffery contributed \$50,000 to his candidate committee, McCaffery for District Attorney. On May 11, 2009, Mr. McCaffery contributed another \$200,000 to his candidate committee.

Therefore, effective May 11, 2009, the contribution limits under §20-1000 are doubled for 2009 for all candidates for the office of District Attorney to:

- Individuals: \$5,200
- Other persons and political committees: \$21,200

Questions concerning Philadelphia's campaign finance law may be directed to Board of Ethics staff at 215-686-9450. Information is also available on the Board's website at: <http://www.phila.gov/ethicsboard>.

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