

# **ROADMAP: WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS**

- A complaint was filed with the COPP.
- The complaint was accepted.
- An investigation of the allegation and surrounding facts was performed.
- The Commissioner has issued a sufficiency decision, finding a violation of Montana's Campaign Finance and Practice Laws.

## **ROADMAP: WHERE WE ARE GOING**

- The Commissioner's decision is forwarded to the County Attorney, 13-37-124, Mont. Code. Ann. (2013).
- The County Attorney has 30 days to initiate civil or criminal action, or to waive the right to prosecute, *id*.
- Once the case is back with the Commissioner
  - Work with the parties to come to a settlement decision
  - File a complaint for civil or criminal prosecution, and proceed with the litigation.

## **ROADMAP: ENFORCEMENT**

• 6 cases lodged with the County Attorney's Office

- 9 cases that are pending settlement discussions
- 2 cases that are in the litigation phase



# LODGED WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY

- Bonogofsky v. Kennedy, decided 10/16/13
- Bonogofsky v. Western Tradition Partnership, decided 10/16/13
- Bonogofsky v. National Gun Owners Alliance, decided 10/16/13
- Bonogofsky v. Assembly Action Fund, decided 10/16/13
- Bonogofsky v. Montana Citizens Right to Work, decided 10/16/13
- *Tuininga v. Bullock,* decided 10/18/13

# **SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS**

- Washburn v. Murray, decided 01/28/13
- *Berry v. Fanning*, decided 04/23/13
- Vincent v. Vincent and Hendry v. Vincent, decided 6/26/13
- *Taylor v. Hale*, decided 6/26/13
- *MacLaren v. MT Conservative Coalition PAC*, decided 7/09/13
- DeLorenzo v. Cate, decided 07/15/13
- Baker v. Kids Education Yes, decided 07/15/13
- Bixler v. Suprock, decided 8/01/13

# **CIVIL LITIGATION**

#### Fox v. Molnar

- COPP decided 09/13/10, COPP-2012-CFP-0004
- Montana District Court, Yellowstone County, Cause DV 10-1718 Affirmed COPP Decision 02/06/12
- Montana Supreme Court, 2013 MT 132 Affirmed COPP Decision 05/14/13
- Enforcement of Judgment

\$5,750 administrative penalty

\$14,945 partial reimbursement of costs

- Bishop v. Miller for Gov., decided 06/20/12
- Settlement discussions have failed

- 1 case pending in the Montana District Court
- 2 cases pending with the US District Court of Montana
- 1 case pending with the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals



#### Montana District Court Actions

American Tradition Partnership, et al. v. Motl and Fox, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Lewis and Clark County, Cause No. BDV 2010-1120.

CPP's Motion for Summary Judgment on the 4 remaining claims for relief are fully briefed and a hearing on the Motions will be held November 12, 2013. Total civil penalty requested \$321,365.50.

**U.S. District Court Actions** 

*Rick Hill v. Motl*, US District Court, Helena Division, 6:13-cv-00041-DLC-RKS. Dismissed for lack of standing, on10/18/13.



#### **U.S. District Court Actions**

*LeFer v. Murry and State of Montana,* USDC Billings Division, Cause No. CV-13-06-BLG-DWM .

It is the COPP's understanding that an appeal of Judge Molloy's Order dated 10/15/13 has been or will soon be filed to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.



#### 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals

*Lair, et al. v. Murry and Bullock*, 9<sup>th</sup> Cir., Nos. 12-35809, 12-35889.

Issue is whether Montana's campaign contribution limits for individuals, political committees and political parties are constitutional, 13-37-216, Mont. Code. Ann.

Proceedings are stayed pending the outcome of *McCutchen v. FEC*, (12-536) in the US Supreme Court. Oral arguments were heard on October 8, 2013, and a decision will be issued before the end of June 2014.



