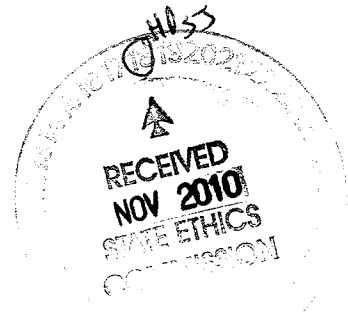


# STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

200 Piedmont Avenue  
Suite 1402 - West Tower  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

## COMPLAINT



### ALLEGING A VIOLATION OF THE ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT.

#### I. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Susan Foster Voyles  
Address: 6750 River Springs Ct.  
City: Sandy Springs State: GA County: Fulton Zip Code: 30328  
Telephone Number: (404) 851-9704

#### II. PARTY AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

Name: Tamela L. Adkins  
Address: 234 Luckie Street  
City: Lawrenceville State: GA County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: 30046  
Telephone Number: ( )  
Title of office held or sought (if applicable): State Supreme Court

#### III. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

State in your own words the detailed facts and the actions of the party named in Paragraph II upon which the complaint is based along with an allegation that such facts constitute one or more violations of the Ethics in Government Act. The brief space provided below is not intended to limit your statement of facts. Use the back of this form or additional sheets if necessary. Include relevant dates and times and the names and addresses of other persons who you believe have knowledge of the facts and any documentary evidence that supports the facts alleged in the complaint.

see attached  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(If continued on other side or additional sheets, please check here \_\_\_\_\_)

#### VERIFICATION BY OATH OR AFFIRMATION

STATE OF Georgia COUNTY OF Cobb

I, the undersigned Complainant, being duly sworn, depose (affirm) and say that the information in this Complaint is true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

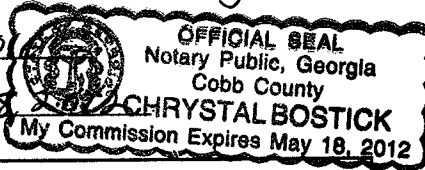
Susan F. Voyles  
Signature of Complainant

#### This section to be completed by a Notary Public.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on 18th November, 2010

Christy Bostick  
Signature of Notary Public

My Commission expires May 18, 2012



#### PENALTIES: False Swearing

A person to whom a lawful oath or affirmation has been administered or who executes a document knowing that it purports to be an acknowledgment of a lawful oath or affirmation commits false swearing when, in any matter or thing other than a judicial proceeding, he knowingly and willfully makes a false statement. A person convicted of false swearing shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not less than one or more than five years, or both.

## **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

### **ETHICS COMPLAINT AGAINST TAMELA L. ADKINS**

Tamela L. Adkins is currently a candidate for the Georgia Supreme Court. In 2008, Ms. Adkins was a candidate for the Georgia Court of Appeals. In spite of the fact that she is a lawyer who is asking voters to entrust her with a seat on the state's highest Court, according to the Ethics Commission website Ms. Adkins has violated the Ethics in Government Act in two important respects.

First, according to the website she has never filed a personal financial disclosure report with the Commission, in either her 2008 campaign or the current campaign. Second, according to the website she has not filed at least one required campaign contribution disclosure report with the Commission, a report which would have explained what she did with nearly \$40,000 in campaign funds in the 2008 election.

The Ethics in Government Act states that:

It is declared to be the policy of this state, in furtherance of its responsibility to protect the integrity of the democratic process and to ensure fair elections for . . . all constitutional judicial officers . . . , to institute and establish a requirement of public disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures relative to the seeking of such offices . . . .

O.C.G.A. § 21-5-2. The Act also states that:

Further, it is the policy of this state that the state's public affairs will be best served by disclosures of significant private interests of public officers and officials which may influence the discharge of their public duties and responsibilities.

O.C.G.A. § 21-5-2.

According to the Ethics Commission website, Ms. Adkins has violated both of these principles by failing to file required personal financial and campaign contribution disclosure reports.

**Allegation #1:** Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(a)(1), Ms. Adkins was required to file a personal financial disclosure report within fifteen days after qualifying as a candidate for the Supreme Court. According to the Secretary of State, Ms. Adkins qualified on July 2, 2010. She was therefore required to file a personal financial disclosure report by July 17, 2010. According to the Ethics Commission website (see attached), she has never filed any such report.

Allegation #2: Pursuant to this same statute, Ms. Adkins was required to file a personal financial disclosure report within fifteen days after qualifying as a candidate for the Court of Appeals in 2008. According to the Ethics Commission website (see attached), Ms. Adkins never filed a personal financial disclosure report in connection with her 2008 campaign for Georgia's second-highest court.

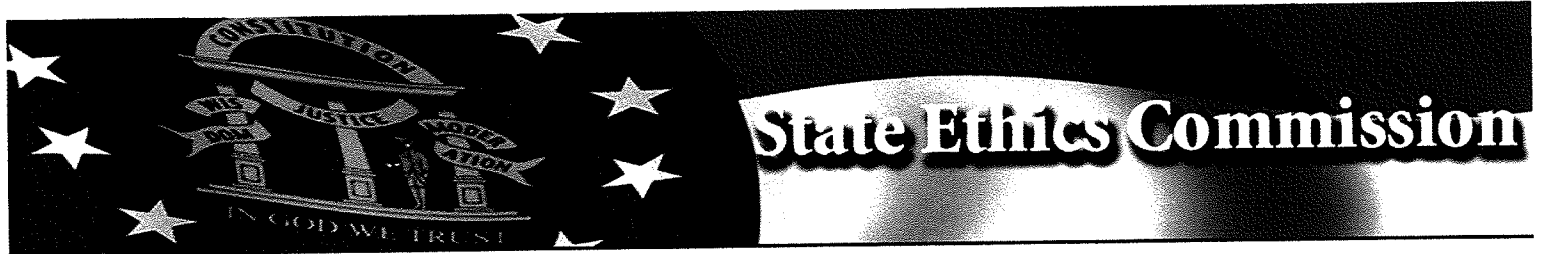
Allegation #3: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(j)(2) Ms. Adkins was required to file a campaign contribution disclosure report on December 31, 2008 in connection with her campaign for the Court of Appeals. Unless that report showed a zero balance, she would have also been required to file another disclosure report on December 31, 2009.

According to the Commission website (see attached), the last campaign contribution disclosure report that Ms. Adkins filed in her 2008 campaign for the Court of Appeals was her October 25, 2008 report. She did not file a December 31, 2008 report. She also did not file a report on December 31, 2009, which may be a separate violation.

Importantly, the October 25, 2008 disclosure report showed that Ms. Adkins had nearly \$40,000 cash-on-hand (see attached). According to the Commission's website, Ms. Adkins has never filed a report disclosing what she did with that \$40,000.

The disclosure requirements of Georgia's ethics laws are designed to preserve the integrity of the democratic process by ensuring that voters have accurate information about a candidate's personal and campaign finances. According to the Ethics Commission website, in two campaigns for statewide judicial office Ms. Adkins has never filed a personal financial disclosure report, and she has not filed a report explaining what she did with nearly \$40,000 in campaign funds. The apparent failure to file these reports is denying Georgia voters the opportunity for a fair and open election.

I respectfully request that the Ethics Commission investigate these issues and take appropriate action. I also respectfully request that the Ethics Commission promptly issue an order that Ms. Adkins immediately file these reports so that Georgia voters will have an opportunity to review them prior to the runoff election on November 30th.



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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Filer Name:** TAMELA L. ADKINS  
**Filer ID:** F2008003037  
**Mailing Address:** 234 LUCKIE STREET  
**Address 2:**  
**City, State Zip:** LAWRENCEVILLE GA 30045  
**Telephone:** (770) 431 - 9999      **Telephone:**

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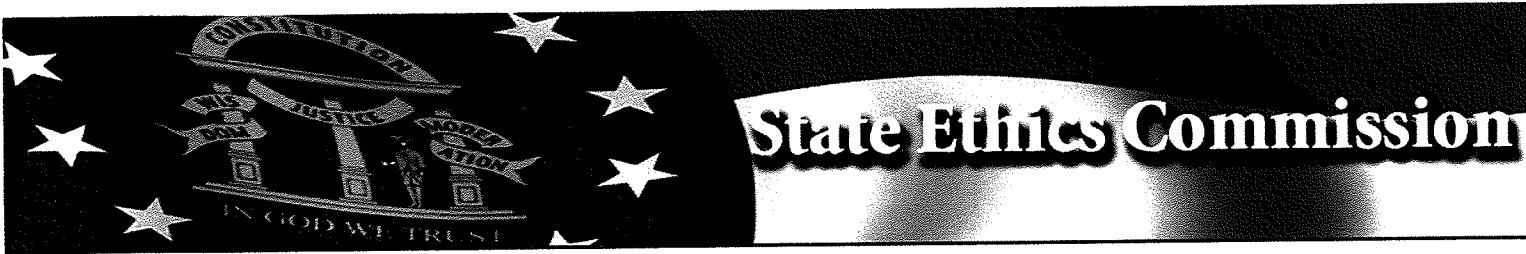
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Personal Financial Disclosure Statement(s)

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**CAMPAIGN REPORTS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Candidate Name: Adkins, Tamela L.**

FilerID	Office Sought	Candidate Information	Status
C2010000467	Supreme Court	<a href="#">Click Here To View</a>	Active
C2008000750	Court of Appeals	<a href="#">Click Here To View</a>	Active

**Campaign Disclosure Reports    Registration Information**

**Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report(s) for C2008000750:**

Action	Type	Year	Report	Received By	Received
<a href="#">View Report</a>	Original	2008	October 25th - Election Year	E-Filing	10/31/2008
<a href="#">View Report</a>	Amended	2008	September 30th - Election Year	E-Filing	10/31/2008
<a href="#">View Report</a>	Original	2008	September 30th - Election Year	E-Filing	10/06/2008
<a href="#">View Report</a>	Original	2008	June 30th - Non-Election Year	E-Filing	07/07/2008

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## State of Georgia Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report

<b>1. Report Type</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Original Report</b></p>	<b>2. Filing is being made on behalf of:</b> Candidate or Public Official  C2008000750 - Tamela Adkins For Appeals Court Campaign Committee <u>Tamela L. Adkins</u> Court of Appeals	<b>Filing Office Use Only</b> Only <i>E-Filed on</i> 10/31/08 11:56 am  Use Earlier of Post Mark or Hand Delivered Date
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**3. Identifying and Contact Information**

(1) Tamela L. Adkins (2) 10/27/2008  
*Full Name of Candidate or Non-Candidate Campaign Committee* *Today's Date*

(3) 234 Luckie Street Lawrenceville, GA 30045  
*Mailing Address*

(4) (770) 277-1719  
*Contact Phone Number (We will understand the release of this information as permission to call your office if necessary.)*

(5) If a Candidate or Public Official, is there a campaign committee (one or more persons) to make campaign transactions, keep the financial records of the campaign, or file the reports? **YES**      (6) If so, is the Committee registered with the State Ethics Commission? **YES**

(7) Chairperson: Marie Haraka Pulliam    Treasurer: Susan Wallace  
*Name of Chairperson and / or Treasurer of Committee*

**4. Period for which you are Reporting**

My Non Election Year	My Election Year	Run-Offs <small>(Report Require Only if you are in a Run Off Election)</small>	Special Elections <small>(Report Require Only if you are in a Special Election)</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> June 30, 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 31, 2008  <small>Persons elected to office in each year following the year in which the election occurs</small>  <small>Persons leaving office with excess funds until such funds are expended as provided in the Act</small>  <small>Unsuccessful candidates with excess funds, or who receive contributions to retire debt incurred, until such funds are expended, or such unpaid debts are satisfied (December 31 filing only)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> March 31, 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> June 30, 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> September 30, 2008 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> October 25, 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> December 31, 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 days before Primary Run-Off, 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 days before General Run-Off, 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 days before Special Primary Run-Off, 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 days before Special Run-Off, 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 days before Special Primary, 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 days before Special, 2008 <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 31, 2008

**PAPER NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED FOR ANY CCDR FILED ELECTRONICALLY.**

**SEND TO: State Ethics Commission, 200 Piedmont Ave, Ste 1416-West Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, do swear or affirm, certify and say that the Campaign Contribution Disclosure Statement I have filed electronically (this affidavit and the information hereinabove set forth constitute the first portion thereof) is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant Filer

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

PENALTIES: Any person who knowingly fails to comply with or who knowingly violates any of the provisions of the Ethics in Government Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**State of Georgia  
Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report  
Summary Report**

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**

1	<b>I Have: The following contributions, including Common Source, to report:</b>	<u>In-Kind Estimated Value</u>	<u>Cash Amount</u>
2	Total contributions previously reported.	\$0.00	\$96,601.00
3	Total amount of all itemized contributions received in this reporting period which are listed on the "Itemized Contributions" page.	\$0.00	\$1,564.75
3a	All loans received this reporting period.		\$0.00
3b	Interest earned on campaign account this reporting period.		\$0.00
3c	Total amount of investments sold this reporting period.		\$0.00
3d	Total amount of cash dividends and interest paid out this reporting period.		\$0.00
4	Total amount of all separate contributions of less than \$101.00 received in this reporting period and not listed on the "Itemized Contributions" page. "Common Source" contributions must be aggregated on the "Itemized Contributions" page.	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Total contributions reported this reporting period. (Line 3 + 3a + 3b + 3c + 3d + 4)	\$0.00	\$1,564.75
6	Total contributions to date. (Line 2 + 5)	\$0.00	\$98,165.75

**EXPENDITURES MADE**

7	<b>I Have: The following expenditures to report:</b>	<u>In-Kind Estimated</u>	<u>Cash Amount</u>
8	Total expenditures made and reported prior to this reporting period.	\$0.00	\$25,803.90
9	Total amount of all itemized expenditures made in this reporting period which are listed on the "Itemized Expenditures" page.	\$0.00	\$30,576.13
10	Total amount of all separate expenditures of less than \$101.00 each that were made in this reporting period and not listed on the "Itemized Expenditures" page.	\$0.00	\$2,207.71
11	Total expenditures reported this reporting period. (Line 9 + 10)	\$0.00	\$32,783.84
12	Total expenditures to date. (Line 8 + 11)	\$0.00	\$58,587.74

**INVESTMENTS**

13	Amount of investments at the beginning of this reporting period.		\$0.00
14	Total amount of investments at the close of this reporting period.		\$0.00
15	Net Balance On Hand. (Line 6 - 12 + 14)		\$39,578.01

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