



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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RE: MUR 4761
Association of Trial Lawyers of
America Political Action Committee
and Dan Cohen, as treasurer

Dear Ms. Boyce and Mr. Ross:

On June 30, 1998, your clients, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Political Action Committee and Dan Cohen, as treasurer, were notified that the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") found reason to believe that they violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(2)(C). On August 3, 1998, you submitted a response to the Commission's reason to believe findings.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined on March 14, 2000, to take no further action against your clients and closed the file in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

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