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Governor

**CORD BYRD**Secretary of State

October 10, 2022



Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-22-3

Dear Ms.

We received on September 12, 2022, your attached request for an advisory opinion. You indicate that you may have a felony conviction and that your request is on whether you are eligible to vote in Florida, including whether you have any outstanding legal financial obligations under section 98.0751, Florida Statutes, which would otherwise make you ineligible to vote and if so, a statement of the amount that must be paid to make you eligible to vote, and an explanation of how the amount was calculated.

The Division hereby responds to your request pursuant to its legal authority under section 106.23(2), Florida Statutes, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.010, to provide an advisory opinion to you as an individual seeking to be involved in a political activity (voting) and the particular activity in your inquiry (eligibility to vote).

Per Rule 1S-2.010(4)(f), the requestor must provide the precise factual circumstances giving rise to the request. You provided information on the following cases from Wisconsin:



As it relates to case CF the them, the records indicate that you entered a plea of guilty to a felony and were sentenced 18 months of prison and 2 years of probation on February 8, 2010. The court also ordered you to pay \$1,200.00 plus costs. The records also indicate that you paid \$2,264.00 and have completed all payments.



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As it relates to case CT , our records indicate that the proceeding resulted in a misdemeanor conviction and therefore your voter eligibility was not impacted.

Accordingly, the Division finds that your misdemeanor conviction does not preclude you from voting and you have completed all the terms of your sentence for your felony conviction and are therefore eligible to vote in Florida.

Please note that the findings in this opinion are based solely upon the cases located from the personal identifying information you provided in your request for an advisory opinion. You have not indicated any other specific convictions in any statewide or national jurisdictions and the Division does not opine as to whether any other convictions exist nor whether any such other convictions would interfere with your eligibility.

Thank you for submitting your request. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections