



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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March 14, 2023



Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-22-18

Dear [REDACTED],

We received on November 8, 2022, your request for an advisory opinion. You indicate that you have more than one 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 reference multiple cases, and the Division has found the following felony cases associated with your file:

- (1) [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]-A
- (2) [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]-A
- (3) [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]-A
- (4) [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]-A

As it relates to case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]-A, our records indicate that your adjudication for three second-degree felonies and three third-degree felonies was withheld after you entered a plea, and you were sentenced to 24 months of probation on September 27, 2006. You were also ordered to pay **\$460.00** in costs, fines, and fees. On February 6, 2008, the court found that you violated your probation and

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resentenced you to 24 months in prison, suspended, and 36 months of probation. On November 25, 2008, the court found that you violated your probation, adjudicated you guilty of the six felony offenses, and resentenced you to 24 months in prison. The court also ordered you to pay an additional **\$200.00** in costs, fines, and fees. Our records indicate that you have not paid any of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this case. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$660.00** in case ■-CF-■-A.

As it relates to case ■-CF-■-A, our records indicate that your adjudication for one second-degree felony and one third-degree felony was withheld after you entered a plea, and you were sentenced to 24 months of probation on September 27, 2006. You were also ordered to pay **\$460.00** in costs, fines, and fees. On February 6, 2008, the court found that you violated your probation and resentenced you to 24 months in prison, suspended, and 36 months of probation. On November 25, 2008, the court found that you violated your probation, adjudicated you guilty of the three felony offenses, and resentenced you to 24 months in prison. The court also ordered you to pay an additional **\$250.00** in costs, fines, and fees. Our records indicate that you have not paid any of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this case. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$710.00** in case ■-CF-■-A.

As it relates to case ■-CF-■-A, our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of a third-degree felony and you were sentenced to a year and a day in prison on November 25, 2008. You were also ordered to pay **\$897.00** in costs, fines, and fees. Our records indicated that you have not paid any of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this case. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$897.00** in case ■-CF-■-A.

As it relates to case ■-CF-■-A, our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty of a third-degree felony, and you were sentenced to 48 months of probation on August 22, 2013. You were also ordered to pay **\$677.00** in costs, fines, and fees. The court subsequently modified your probation and, on October 1, 2019, revoked your probation and resentenced you to 24 months in prison. The court also ordered you to pay additional costs, fines and fees for a total of **\$1,575.00**. Our records indicate that you have paid **\$91.35** towards this amount. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$1,483.65** in case ■-CF-■-A.

The Division therefore finds that you must pay a total of **\$3,750.65** in the aforementioned cases before your voting rights are restored.

Please note that the findings in this opinion are based solely upon the four 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.

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

Sincerely,

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