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FRANKFORT, KY – At its November 17, 2022 meeting the Executive Branch Ethics Commission found Jason Reed of Covington, Kentucky, in violation of KRS Chapter 11A, the Executive Branch Code of Ethics.

In a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, Mr. Reed acknowledged four (4) counts of violating the Code of Ethics. Specifically, while Mr. Reed engaged in conduct involving use of state property to conduct private, for-profit activities such as using state email, drafting legal memoranda on a word-processing program on his state-issued computer, conducting other legal activities on state-time, and using state-provided legal research database, all outside the scope of his official state duties.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Mr. Reed must pay a \$9,000.00 civil penalty and receive a public reprimand. The fine was offset by two thousand dollars due to his 10-day suspension without pay for this conduct, leaving a final penalty of \$7,000.00. The Commission concluded the matter by issuing an Agreed Final Order.