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ETHICS COMMISSION

In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

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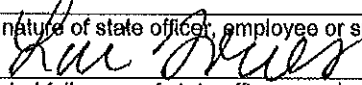
Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: (Attach additional pages as needed.)

See attached prepared by the Office Ethics Officer.

#### AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee



Date signed (month, day, year)

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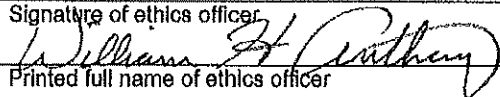
Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Lori Torres

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer



Date signed (month, day, year)

11/27/2024

Printed full name of ethics officer

William Anthony

OIG Ethics Disclosure Statement  
Conflicts of Interest – Decisions and Voting

Attachment to describe the conflict of Interest.

I sit on the board of trustees of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute ("ICJI") as the Attorney General's designee pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-2-6-4(a)(2). ICJI is primarily a federal grant pass through agency. I have been Attorney General Rokita's designee for 4 years. As part of the board, I am also a member of the subcommittee for Victims Services. This subcommittee reviews and makes recommendations to the full board for awards of grant dollars under several federal grant opportunities. The meetings are generally held quarterly.

I am also a board member of a private, not-for-profit entity, the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic (NCLC). NCLC is a faith-based 501(c)(3) organization that provides free legal services and education statewide to those who can't afford them, believing everyone deserves access to justice regardless of income. I have been a member of the board for 7 years after having been an intake and lawyer volunteer for a number of years.

In 2024, NCLC for the first time applied for federal grant funds distributed by ICJI. It came to the Victims Assistance committee for review and recommendation on June 5, 2024 and August 28, 2024 and then to the full board. I publicly recused from each and every one of those votes and discussions, and the recusals were noted in the minutes of both the subcommittee and board meetings. I did not participate in the discussion, recommendation, vote, award, or denial of any grant funds for NCLC. I was not aware of the grant applications through my service on the NCLC board, but only through reviewing the grant applicants for the ICJI Victims Services subcommittee.

I never saw the applications, nor the working papers or lists of applicants with their name on it until either just before or at the subcommittee meetings. Ind. Code 4-2-6-9 requires me as a state employee to both refrain from decisions and votes with competing economic interests, but also to seek either an advisory opinion from the State Ethics Commission in advance (which was not feasible due to timing of awareness of the vote), or file a written disclosure with the Inspector General within 7 days of that first subcommittee meeting. While the time has already lapsed, it is important that this disclosure, along with the office's Ethics Officer's screen, be a matter of record with the Inspector General.



STATE OF INDIANA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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INTRAOFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Lorri Torres, Chief Deputy Attorney General  
**From:** William H. Anthony, Advisory Chief Counsel and Ethics Officer  
**Date:** November 27, 2024  
**Re:** Screening memo re: Lori Torres

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**FACTS PRESENTED:**

Lorri Torres (Torres), Chief Deputy Attorney General, has served on the board of the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic (NCLC) for seven (7) years. Torres has also served as the Attorney General's designee as a trustee for the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) for four (4) years and is a member of the Victim's Assistance subcommittee. In 2024, NCLC for the first time applied for federal grant funds distributed by ICJI. The application came to the Victims Assistance subcommittee for review and recommendation on June 5, 2024 and August 28, 2024 and then to the full board. Torres publicly recused herself from each vote and discussion, and the recusals were noted in the minutes of both the subcommittee and board meetings. She did not participate in the discussion, recommendation, vote, award, or denial of any grant funds for NCLC. She only became aware of the NCLC's applications through reviewing the grant applicants for the ICJI Victims Services subcommittee, not through her service as an NCLC board member. Torres never saw the applications, nor the working papers or lists of applicants with their names until either just before or at the subcommittee meetings.

**SCREENING:**

To avoid any appearance of impropriety or an actual conflict, a screening process should be designed to ensure that while serving as a board member for NCLC and a designee for the AG on the ICJI, Torres (a) will not participate in matters where NCLC is engaging with ICJI, such as grant funding applications; and (b) will not share any material, confidential knowledge or information she may have acquired about the screened matter during her tenure with the OAG. Likewise, the screening procedures must be designed to ensure that other ICJI and NCLC members are shielded from any confidential, non-public knowledge or information, relevant to the screened

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matter, that Torres may have acquired during her tenure with the OAG. Therefore, Torres is screened as follows:

- 1. Lori Torres will be directed to not consult or communicate with anyone at the ICJI on matters involving NCLC, and not communicate with anyone at NCLC on matters involving the ICJI.**
- 2. Where any matter involving the NCLC shall come before the ICJI, Torres shall recuse herself from discussion and voting on the matter.**
- 3. Torres shall immediately report to the Ethics Officer when any matter requiring her recusal comes before the ICJI.**
- 4. Lori Torres is aware of and understands the nature of this screening.**

Any violation of this screening mechanism, or any changes that may impact this screening, must be immediately reported to the Ethics Officer. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as informed consent of the OAG for Torres's participation in the screened matter. Please direct any questions to the Ethics Officer, Bill Anthony at 317-234-2354 or [william.anthony@atg.in.gov](mailto:william.anthony@atg.in.gov).

**Baker, Nathaniel P**

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**To:** Perrodin, Regan (IG)  
**Subject:** RE: Lori Torres: COI Filing

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**From:** Anthony, William <[William.Anthony@atg.in.gov](mailto:William.Anthony@atg.in.gov)>  
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**Cc:** Torres, Lori A <[Lori.Torres@atg.in.gov](mailto:Lori.Torres@atg.in.gov)>  
**Subject:** Lori Torres: COI Filing

Regan,

As we discussed previously, I am attaching the COI filing for Lori. I am sending directly to you rather than filing through the OIG's website. Please let me know of any questions or if you need anything further.

Thanks,

Bill

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