



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Dan Cohen, Treasurer
Association of Trial Lawyers of America
Political Action Committee
1050 31st Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20007

Identification Number: C00024521

Reference: 12 Day Pre- General Report (9/6/01-10/31/01)

Dear Mr. Cohen:

On May 8, 2002 you were notified that a review of the above-referenced report(s) raised questions as to specific contributions and/or expenditures, and the reporting of certain information required by the Federal Election Campaign Act.

Your May 29, 2002 response is incomplete because you have not provided all the requested information. For this response to be considered adequate, the following information is still required.

-Schedule A of your report discloses aggregate year-to-date totals for contributions received from individuals which appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that federal regulations require aggregate year-to-date totals to include only those contributions which are received during the calendar year. In the event that the aggregate year-to-date total is correct, please note that federal regulations also require the disclosure of all contributions received from individuals who have contributed over \$200. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(4) Please amend your report to provide the correct aggregate year-to-date totals.

-Your report discloses memo entries from partnerships; however, it appears that the partnership receipts have been omitted from this report. Partnership contributions are included in the total figure reported for "contributions from individuals/persons other than political committees" on the Detailed Summary Page. If a partnership contribution exceeds \$200 or

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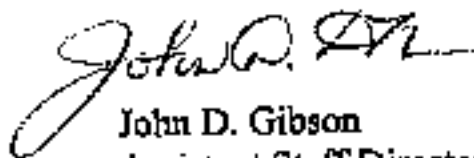
aggregates over \$200 during a calendar year, the committee must itemize the contribution on a Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i). Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-You have received contributions from numerous entities, which appear to be unincorporated proprietorships or partnerships. Generally, these types of contributions are to be attributed to each person based on their percentage of ownership in the firm. Each person who has contributed in excess of \$200 since January 1 should be identified by name, address, occupation, name of employer, amount of contribution, and aggregate total on Schedule A. 11 CFR §110.1(k) Please amend your report by providing the omitted information.

An adequate response must be received at the Commission by June 19, 2002. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions for time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Alice Kang on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division), our local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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