
**IN THE MATTER OF
MICHELLE RUSSELL,
HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST 1,
PINELANDS COMMISSION**

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

**Commission Case No. 49-13
DECISION**

This matter arises from an allegation that Michelle Russell, Human Resource Specialist 1 with the Pinelands Commission, misused State time and resources by soliciting a Pinelands employee to run for elected office and soliciting the employee to use Russell's spouse as campaign manager or fundraiser. The Commission's preliminary investigation of the allegations also revealed that Russell may have violated the Conflicts of Interest Law by misusing State time and resources to support a non-profit charitable foundation created by Russell.

After considering the results of an investigation into the allegations that Michelle Russell misused State time and resources by soliciting a Pinelands' employee to run for elected office, soliciting the employee to use Russell's spouse as the campaign manager or fundraiser, and by using her State computer and email in connection with the foundation, the Commission **dismissed** the matter pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 19:61-3.1(g)*.

DECISION RENDERED BY THE
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION ON
THE 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.