



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

**RON DESANTIS**  
Governor

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Secretary of State

May 9, 2023



Re: Response to Request for Advisory Opinion – F-23-5

Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

We received on January 3, 2023, your request for an advisory opinion. You indicate that you have two felony convictions and that your request is on whether you are eligible to vote in Florida.

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 and provide documentation for two cases in which you were adjudicated guilty of committing at least one felony, and the Division has found the following felony cases associated with your file:

1. [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED]

As it relates to case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED], our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty for one felony, and you were sentenced on September 6, 2017, to 9 months of jail followed by 15 years of probation. You were also ordered to pay **\$517.00** in costs, fines, and fees. You were also ordered to pay **\$109,601.21** in restitution. Our records indicate that you completed your jail sentence and/or your probation on December 16, 2022. Our records further indicate that you have paid all of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this case. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$0.00** in case [REDACTED]-CF-[REDACTED].

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As it relates to case █████-CF-█████, our records indicate that you were adjudicated guilty for one felony, and you were sentenced on September 6, 2017, to 9 months of jail followed by 15 years of probation. You were also ordered to pay **\$517.00** in costs, fines, and fees. You were also ordered to pay **\$27,357.83** in restitution. Our records indicate that you completed your jail sentence and/or your probation on December 16, 2022. Our records further indicate that you have paid all of your outstanding legal financial obligations in this case. Accordingly, the Division finds that you owe **\$0.00** in case █████-CF-█████.

The Division of Elections finds that the amount of legal financial obligations related to your felony conviction in the above-referenced case that must be paid to make you eligible to vote is **\$0.00**. *See* Article VI, Fla. Const. § 98.0751, Fla. Stat. (articulating restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence). We conclude based upon the information we located, that you are eligible to vote.

Please note that the finding in this opinion is based solely upon the single case located from the personal identifying information you provided in your request for an advisory opinion. You have not indicated any other 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 eligibility.

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

Sincerely,

Florida Division of Elections