

Respondent Name
Bryan Chushcoff
Complainant Name
Lindsay Chenelia
Complaint Description
Lmchenelia reported via portal Sun, 23 Aug 2026 at 6:36 PM A retired judge and candidate for Prosecuting Attorney of Pierce County, has committed a pattern of campaign finance violations spanning registration, reporting, contribution limits, and expenditure disclosure. The conduct is not a single isolated error but a series of failures across multiple reports and multiple provisions of Title 29B RCW and Title 390 WAC: campaign activity conducted for months before the campaign was registered; reports missing or filed late; the candidate's filing fee left off the expenditure reports; expenditures for signs reported without the required quantity detail on both the original and amended reports; and an over-limit contribution that was accepted, never timely refunded, and subsequently removed from the reports without any disclosure of a refund. Given the respondent's legal background and the elementary nature of the requirements at issue, the pattern supports a finding that the respondent either willfully disregarded these obligations or was recklessly indifferent to them. The PDC is asked to investigate each cited violation and the reporting record as a whole.
Sections of the law violated
RCW 29B.25.090(3): Failure to file or late reports in February (110369329, 110354228) and March (110369333). RCW 29B.25.020: Filed C1 on April 1, 2026, while months-late reports show campaign activity happening months before C1 registration. RCW 29B.25.10
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
These are not obscure or technical rules, they are the four most basic obligations in Washington campaign finance: file reports on time, disclose what you spent and when, disclose who is funding you, and don't take more than the legal limit. This candidate failed on all four. The cumulative effect is that Pierce County voters have been denied a timely, accurate picture of who is financing this campaign and how that money is being spent. That the respondent is a retired judge, someone who spent a career applying the law and swore an oath to uphold it, makes the failure

to observe the plainest disclosure requirements harder to attribute to good-faith confusion. A candidate seeking to become the county's chief law enforcement officer, the office responsible for holding others accountable to the law, has instead kept his own campaign activity hidden from the public he asks to elect him. The over-limit contribution is especially troubling: it was accepted, never refunded within the deadline, and has now disappeared from the reports entirely. Whether that reflects disregard for the rules or an attempt to make a problem contribution simply vanish, the result is the same: the public record no longer reflects what actually happened.

List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence can be found

All evidence can be found in report dates or the associated report numbers in the "Section of Law Violated" field.

List potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

N/A

Certification (Complainant)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.