



COMMISSIONER OF
CANADA ELECTIONS

The Candidate Experience

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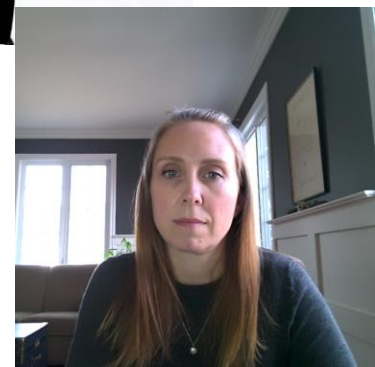
About the CCE

Commissioner of Canada Elections is the independent officer responsible for ensuring compliance with, and enforcement of, the *Canada Elections Act*.

Commissioner receives complaints from the public, political entities and referrals from Elections Canada concerning potential contraventions of the Act.

Commissioner may also launch an investigation in the absence of a complaint when the facts and circumstances warrant.

The Act contains more than 600 offences, the nature of which can be quite complex.



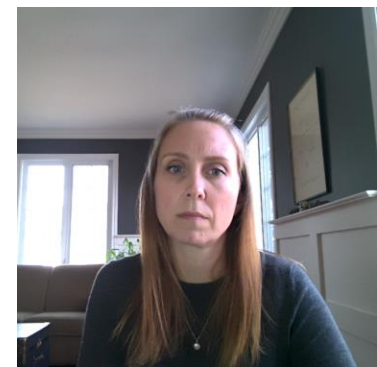
As candidates...

It is important to understand the extent of your responsibilities under the law, as well as those of your team.

The nature and scope of violations that are covered by the Act's new administrative regime means that individuals working on behalf of campaigns may now be subject to administrative monetary penalties.

As a result, political parties, registered associations and candidates are strongly encouraged:

- to ensure careful selection of OA's and FA's; and
- to advise volunteers and those working for campaigns of their responsibilities under the Act and of the new enforcement regime.

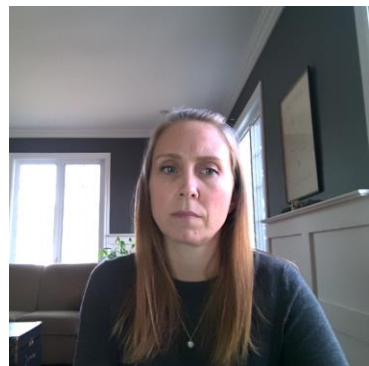


Cooperation with the CCE

If you are contacted by our Office:

Your participation in an interview is voluntary, but ensures that you are able to share your side of the story. It also allows you the opportunity to provide the CCE with all relevant facts and information, in support of your version of events.

In the event the CCE's findings point to a violation or offence having occurred, your cooperation is one of the factors the Commissioner may consider when determining which compliance or enforcement measure to use.



Thanks!

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