

PRESS RELEASE

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COPP v Wittich, BDV-2014-251

Today, the COPP received a check in the amount of \$94,158.65 in full satisfaction of the Judgment entered by the District Court against Mr. Wittich for violations of Montana's campaign finance and practice laws which will be deposited in the State of Montana's General Fund. (\$68,232.58 penalties, \$15,919.70 costs, \$10,006.37 in interest).

On April 1, 2016 a Montana [jury found](#) that Art Wittich violated campaign finance and practice laws by accepting illegal corporate coordinated contributions in his 2010 primary campaign in the amount of \$19,599. On June 17, 2016, Judge Dayton entered a [Judgment](#) against Mr. Wittich for violation of Montana's campaign laws with penalties in the amount of \$68,232.58 and costs in the amount of \$15,919.70. Mr. Wittich sought a stay of judgment while he appealed the Court's determination to the Montana Supreme Court, and secured the debt with a supersedeas bond. On August 23, 2017 the Montana [Supreme Court upheld](#) the District Court's Judgment and the Jury's Verdict. The receipt of payment for the full judgment amount and interest resolves this matter for the people of Montana.

Montana Commissioner of Political Practices Office