

Jan. 24, 2013 and Feb. 24, 2013, paid to "HEG, 2774 Royal Oaks Drive, Tallahassee, Ga. [sic] 32309", with both listing "Research" as the purpose for the expenditure. Perhaps incidentally, there is no city of Tallahassee in the State of Georgia. (This could be a typo or a deliberate attempt to obfuscate the contact information for this firm.) There is a firm known as Hicks Evaluation Group or HEG with an address listed as 2774 Royal Oaks Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32309

Upon information and belief, HEG, LLC, the payee aforementioned, was in fact Hicks Evaluation Group LLC, 2774 Royal Oaks Drive, Tallahassee, Florida. HEG LLC aka Hicks Evaluation Group LLC is a campaign-consulting firm that, among other campaign related activities conducts political polling. **(Attachment 4)**

These circumstances justify my belief that the two checks made payable to HEG LLC from the bank account of The Committee To Elect Thomas Brown for Sherriff, were disguised payments for that firm's conducting the Feb. 2013 poll for Tom Brown's upcoming Congressional race. Because the expenditures from the Thomas Brown for Sheriff campaign fund were used in pursuit of Thomas Brown's congressional campaign, they should have been reported as contributions to the Thomas Brown for Congress campaign committee in its FEC Year End Campaign Finance Disclosure filed on Jan. 3, 2014. **(Attachment 5)** The failure to report said contributions to the FEC constitutes a violation of FEC rules.

Use of federally prohibited funds in furtherance of Tom Brown's campaign for Congress

Georgia law allows corporations and partnerships to contribute to candidates for Georgia public office, whereas federal law bans contributions from corporations and partnerships to candidates for federal office. Review of the attached report **(Attachment 6)** shows 18 contributions from corporate and partnership sources to the Thomas Brown for Sheriff campaign committee. A contribution to a federal campaign, in whole or in part, from a prohibited source, must certainly be deemed a violation of federal campaign finance law. Thomas Brown has therefore violated FEC rules and federal laws by using funds from his Thomas Brown for Sheriff Campaign bank account to fund his congressional campaign.

More Evidence of Untimely Filing Due to Contributions Exceeding \$5,000 on or before August 7, 2013

Notwithstanding the expenditures by the Committee To Elect Thomas Brown for Sheriff in February, 2013 for the stated purpose of "research", the yearend reports filed with the FEC by the Thomas Brown for Congress Campaign Committee show, on their face, that said committee violated FEC rules by failing to file a Statement of Candidacy within 15 days of raising or spending \$5000.00 or more, or to file a Statement of Organization within 10 days thereof.

The FEC Year End Campaign Finance Disclosure referred to above, and the Amended Report filed on January 28, 2014, disclose contributions from Donald Brown dated 7/16/13 in the amount of \$2500.00, Dr. George D.N. Colletti (the Thomas Brown for Congress Campaign Committee Treasurer) dated 7/18/13 in the amount of \$1000.00, Anita Ross dated 7/23/13 in the amount of \$1000.00, Jim L. Jackson dated 8/6/13 in the amount of \$250.00 and Claude L. McGiver, III dated 8/7/13 in the amount of \$500.00. **(Attachment 7)**