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COMPLAINT 2020 – No. 11 *In re Kate Dean & David Sullivan* September 17, 2020

BOARD COUNSEL'S ORDER OF DISMISSAL – LACK OF JURISDICTION

I. NATURE OF COMPLAINT

The complaint was received on September 16, 2020. It alleges that Respondents' actions as Jefferson County Commissioners worked to enact an ordinance on the operations of gun ranges to the detriment of a local gun range owner.

II. DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION

The authority of the Legislative Ethics Board is limited by RCW 42.52.320 which states in pertinent part as follows:

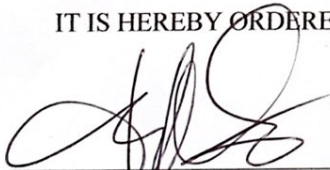
“(1) The legislative ethics board shall enforce this chapter and rules adopted under it *with respect to members and employees of the legislature.*”

Members of the Jefferson County Commission are neither state legislators nor legislative employees; therefore, the Board lacks jurisdiction in this matter.

III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Pursuant to RCW 42.52.425 and Legislative Ethics Board Rule 1.D., Board Counsel has the authority to dismiss this complaint. The Board lacks personal jurisdiction over the individuals named in the complaint.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this complaint be dismissed.



Jennifer A. Strus
Board Counsel

DATE: 9/17/20

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