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Ethics Complaint Filed With Florida Bar Against Mayor

Erwin Jackson files an ethics complaint with the Florida Bar against Tallahassee Mayor John Marks.

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Statement Issued By Mayor Marks in Regards to Ethics Complaint

"As Mayor I'm busy serving the people of Tallahassee and fulfilling the duties of this office. I can't stop everything I'm doing each time Erwin Jackson files another complaint with a different agency.

"I believe the public is beginning to see what Erwin Jackson is all about. He's filed several complaints and, rather than wait to see how they turn out, he files more complaints. He's more interested in creating controversy than letting the process run its course and having the Ethics Commission and the Bar carry out their responsibilities.

"The Florida Bar will review this and I'll accept whatever it decides to do. But until then, I can't continue to have the City's tail wagged by Erwin Jackson every time he files a complaint. I have responsibilities to the people of the City of Tallahassee."

A Tallahassee businessman and former city commission candidate takes his ethics complaints against Mayor Marks to the Florida Bar.

Erwin Jackson says the City of Tallahassee gave Honeywell a \$52-million contract while Mayor John Marks' law firm was representing the company.

Jackson filed an ethics complaint with the Florida Bar, also citing similar concerns regarding Marks and the Alliance for Digital Equality (A.D.E.)

Jackson says, "You have to be willing to refuse any payments to you personally, to your wife, to your son, to your consulting firm, to your law practice. I don't care what door they pass the money through to get to the elected official, it's wrong."

Jackson's complaint also says Marks used his staff to solicit contracts to AT&T.

We have not heard back from Mayor Marks or his office on a response.

We will keep you posted when the Florida Bar makes a decision.

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Posted by: Wow. on Aug 25, 2011 at 12:14 AM

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Posted by: Billy Ray Jim Bob on Aug 24, 2011 at 08:55 AM

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Posted by: Billy Ray Jim Bob on Aug 23, 2011 at 06:29 PM

Hi Cottonmouth. You know how to catch a Cottonmouth? You have to sneak up on him when he isn't looking, then hit him with everything you've got. Hahahahahaha! I love redneck trash.

Comments are posted from viewers like you and do not always reflect the views of this station.

by **Johnie Ho Ho** Location: Tallahassee on Aug 23, 2011 at 05:36 PM

Dear Jean: Unless you own your own ISP then there is no such thing as a private email address. You actually share the world wide web improperly referred to as the internet. The internet is used by the scientific community for the most part. If you are a skilled user you might use the deep web. Since you think you have a private e-mail address...how much did you pay for it and where is your deed?

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by **Anonymous** on Aug 23, 2011 at 05:21 PM

You and your friends must be a blast.

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by **Foxgloves** Location: Tlh on Aug 23, 2011 at 05:17 PM

I am glad Mr. Jackson is trying to do something about all the wrongdoing at city hall, as it appears the voters are too ignorant of what is going on. The Florida Bar and the ethics commission are two shams that cover up. I have seen too much stealing by lawyers and nothing done at the bar when a complaint is filed. I am glad the FBI is looking into the city, and I hope they will look through the county government, also. There is more there, than has been talked about.

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by **Erwin Jackson** Location: Tallahassee on Aug 23, 2011 at 02:47 PM

Several people, including the FBI, have asked why I have worked so hard to expose the Mayor's unethical and I believe illegal activities to the public. It's simple. If you steal from me and the citizens of this community someone has to stand up and say it is wrong and it will not be tolerated. I agreed to stand up and no longer be silent. If the truth makes you a little nervous then so be it. Speaking among ourselves on the computer is less likely to result in change than speaking directly to the Mayor and city commission.

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↳ by **Wow.** on Aug 25, 2011 at 12:14 AM in reply to **Erwin Jackson**

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by **Lilly Love** Location: N. Monroe on Aug 23, 2011 at 10:31 AM

Didn't Sheriff Harvey have to sell his interest in the " Florida Bar?" Marks would have voted for it.

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by **AWI** on Aug 23, 2011 at 09:58 AM

Marks, he is simply filing a new complaint each time he discovers another one of your wrong doings. Stop being a crook, and Erwin will stop the complaints.

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by **Franklin** on Aug 23, 2011 at 09:09 AM

Mayor, You'd better find time, because the amount of baggage you have accumulated since taking office would have removed anyone else, who is not as well connected as you.

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by **Anonymous** on Aug 23, 2011 at 09:05 AM

And even the first line out of his mouth it a lie...how does he keep getting voted in ...o'wait, nevermind

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↳ by **PrezNixon** on Aug 23, 2011 at 10:20 AM in reply to

ROTFLEMAO...thanks, now I have to wipe of the monitor.

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by **Biscuit** Location: Tally on Aug 23, 2011 at 06:05 AM

A complaint to the Florida Bar is a joke! They protect their own and always cover for those like Marks. Take a close look at the investigators they hire one was run off from TPD for lying. Liars and lawyers just like the rest of our government.

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by **Tommy** Location: Tally on Aug 23, 2011 at 05:47 AM

As an atty the Mayor knows that you almost have to prove what he was thinking, at the time he made any decisions that are questionable, in order to prove him guilty...very hard to do. Very expensive to do. And the Mayor knows that we have panty-waist Judges on stand-by willing to act more like the Mayor's defense aty than Judges. But rock-on Erwin it's your right & I'm proud of ya. You can do what many of us employed by a government want to do, but can't do, due to fear of reprisal.

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by **Bob** Location: Killearn on Aug 22, 2011 at 11:29 PM

From what I am being told there is enough which is going to be coming out about the Mayor to warrant many, many, complaints. If even some of it is true Marks will not only not be the mayor, he more than likely will not be an attorney. Corruption usually does not pay in the long run.

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by **Billy Ray Jim Bob** on Aug 22, 2011 at 10:41 PM

Somebody should file a complaint against the FDLE agent that helped a weight loss clinic owner set up a weight loss clinic that gave scheduled meds illegally to, you guessed it, the FDLE agent's partner and DOH, States Attornies, FHP, etc.

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↳ by **Cottonmouth Ralph, not to be confused with Cotton-eyed Joe** on Aug 23, 2011 at 03:51 PM in reply to **Billy Ray Jim Bob**

So tell me Billy Ray Jim Bob, what is it that you are saying?

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↳ by **Billy Ray Jim Bob** on Aug 23, 2011 at 06:29 PM in reply to **Cottonmouth Ralph, not to be confused with Cotton-eyed Joe**

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by **Say it isn't so!** Location: Hee Haw Hell on Aug 22, 2011 at 10:38 PM

What about the county commissioner that illegally dispenses scheduled drugs throughout the southeast while FDLE looks the other way?

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by **Jim** Location: Gadsden County on Aug 22, 2011 at 10:13 PM

I knew you would turn up somewhere soon. It's been too quiet. You know the FBI and the posse is on the way. They announced it today.

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by **Lilly Love** Location: N. Monroe on Aug 22, 2011 at 09:39 PM

As Mayor, you are to avoid even the APPEARANCE of impropriety. You not only failed in this regard, you blatantly ignored your oath and violated not only your ethical obligations but your legal ones as well. As an attorney you cannot plead stupidity because you know the law. I do not know who Erwin Jackson is but you spend time crying about him and not one single time did you admit your failure to the citizens of Tallahassee. I challenge you to a public debate. You pick any elected judge...even one of your siblings is fine with me...and I will be happy to reveal your acts and save the Bar some time. I will admit you have a better haircut than Bill Proctor. For that matter Scott too. The FBI task force assigned to N Florida investigating corruption is for people exactly like you.

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by **Steve** on Aug 23, 2011 at 10:18 AM in reply to **Lilly Love**

nice one Lilly

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by **Erwin Jackson** on Aug 23, 2011 at 11:48 AM in reply to **Lilly Love**

Lilly Love: Please email or call me at Jackson Properties (850)894-7368. It sounds like we could both benefit from a brief discussion.

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