



BACKGROUND **(January 2020)**

Cory Yedlosky, et al. v. Pennsylvania State Corrections Officers Association, Local SCI-Huntingdon, et al.

THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fairness Center represents three Pennsylvania corrections officers in their lawsuit against the Pennsylvania State Corrections Officers Association, Local SCI-Huntingdon (“Local”), former Local officials Bryan Peroni and Douglas Clark in their official and personal capacities, and the Pennsylvania State Corrections Officers Association (“PSCOA”). The Plaintiffs allege that the unions have breached their duty of fair representation to them and their colleagues by failing to enforce the unions’ own rules related to the handling of union funds, including dues and fees taken from corrections officers. Further, they allege that Defendants Peroni and Clark, while officials of the Local, improperly conveyed and/or accepted thousands of dollars of union money in violation of multiple union rules regarding the handling of union funds.

Plaintiff corrections officers notified the unions’ officials of suspicious activity that, on its face, violated the unions’ rules for expending the Local’s funds. However, even after the unions’ officials were provided with the notice and supporting documentation, the unions’ officials have remained silent for months about the issue and have not provided any explanation to plaintiff corrections officers’ questions. As a result, the plaintiff corrections officers have been forced to file this lawsuit to address the unions’ failure to follow its own rules and to discover what happened to nearly \$20,000 in union dues.

THE CASE LOGISTICS

Plaintiffs

Cory Yedlosky
William Weyandt
Chris Taylor

Defendants

Pennsylvania State Corrections Officers Association, Local SCI-Huntingdon
Douglas Clark, in his official and personal capacities
Bryan Peroni, in his official and personal capacities
Pennsylvania State Corrections Officers Association

Court

Court of Common Pleas of Pennsylvania Huntingdon County

Judge

TBD

Relief Sought

An order requiring an accounting to determine whether certain union expenditures were made in violation of the unions' rules and repayment of any improperly expended funds to the Local and/or Plaintiffs.

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January 17, 2020

THE LEGAL TEAM

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