



# OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION

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<b>In the matter of</b>	)	
<b>Senator Rick Brinkley,</b>	)	<b>Case No. 2015-09</b>
	)	
<b>Respondent.</b>	)	

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated on June 12, 2015, pursuant to Rule 6 of the Oklahoma Ethics Rules based on information ascertained by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission (the “Commission”) in the normal course of carrying out its responsibilities. The Commission found reasonable cause to believe that Sen. Rick Brinkley (“Respondent”) violated Ethics Rule 257:10-1-20 by converting campaign funds to personal use.

THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondent agree as follows:

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.
2. Respondent enters voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.
3. Respondent is currently the State Senator for District 34. Respondent held this position at all times relevant to this proceeding and Settlement Agreement.
4. Ethics Rule 257:10-1-20(a)(1) states, “Contributions accepted by a candidate committee may not be converted by any person to any personal use...”
5. To settle allegations of violations of Ethics Rule 257:10-1-20, Respondent agrees to forfeit the balance of his campaign account as a civil penalty in the amount of \$81,265.14 to the State of Oklahoma general revenue fund. A certified check will be delivered to the care of the Ethics Commission for the full amount within 5 business days of the execution of this agreement.
6. Respondent agrees to close his campaign committee and file a final report with the Ethics Commission reflecting a zero balance within 10 calendar days of the execution of this agreement.
7. This agreement shall become effective upon approval by the Commission and execution by all parties.

