

As Written By Chief Justice Connor Greenwood

JUDICIAL PANEL
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

KENNETH HORSLEY and REESE BROOKS

Plaintiffs

v.

JULIA TIELL,

Defendant

22 March 2017

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In the matter of *Horsley & Brooks vs. Tiell*, the plaintiff alleges that the defendant has violated *Article II Section A Subsection 1 Subsection a* of the Undergraduate Student Government Election Bylaws.

Election Bylaws

II.A.1.a

“Candidates, candidate teams, and slates may not disseminate libelous or slanderous information against another candidate. This is a type III bylaw.”

Julia Tiell, a senatorial candidate on the Andrew Jackson and Sophie Chang slate, has allegedly violated Article II. Section A. Subsection 1.a of the 2017 USG Election Bylaws. The bylaw states, “Candidates, candidate teams, and slates may not disseminate libelous or slanderous information against another candidate. This is a type III bylaw.” Evidence shared in the brief filed suggests that a senator on the campaign slate of Andrew Jackson and Sophie Chang posted a libelous tweet, accusing the Brooks Brothers 2017 campaign of “handing out Stephen & Lauren slate cards.”

Held: The Judicial Panel finds that the defendant is in violation of *Article II Section A Subsection 1 Subsection a* of the Election Bylaws. The bylaw states that campaigns cannot disseminate “libelous” information regarding opposition. The defendant could provide no reliable evidence to support her claim of the Brooks Brothers Campaign distributing slate cards. However, the Panel would like to note the small-scale level of this infraction, a singular tweet on a personal Twitter account of Julia Tiell.

The Judicial Panel orders that the defendant, Julia Tiell, receive a twenty (20) dollar fine for the violation. Per IV.A.1, this amount must be deducted from the defendant’s campaign spending limit, as denoted on the Campaign Value Report (CVR) of the Andrew Jackson & Sophie Chang slate.

It is so ordered.

Signed: The Judicial Panel

Majority:

Chief Justice Connor Greenwood
Justice Seth Lamp, Presiding
Justice Benjamin O. Allen
Justice Justin Stover
Justice Nasra Warsame