

STATE OF FLORIDA  
AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



DOMINIC CHAMBERS,

DOAH Case No. 16-6521EXE

Petitioner,

v.

AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,

Respondent.

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**FINAL ORDER**

THIS CAUSE is before the Agency for Persons with Disabilities for consideration and final agency action concerning Petitioner's request for an exemption from disqualification from holding a position of special trust as provided in Chapter 435, Florida Statutes. Petitioner seeks an exemption from disqualification so that Petitioner can work in a position having direct contact with developmentally disabled children or adults served in programs regulated by the Department of Children and Families or the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.


Following an administrative hearing at DOAH on January 11, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge issued a Recommended Order directing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to "enter a final order, consistent herewith, either granting or denying Dominic Chambers the exemption from disqualification for which he is, in fact, eligible." The Administrative Law Judge concluded that although Petitioner demonstrated sufficient rehabilitation to be considered eligible for an exemption, the final determination of granting or denying the exemption was within the Agency's discretion. Neither party filed exceptions to the Recommended Order. There being no

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basis to reject the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Administrative Law Judge, the Recommended Order is approved and adopted. The Agency has reviewed the file and determined that there has been no additional evidence that would disturb its earlier decision.

Therefore, Petitioner's request for an exemption from disqualification from holding a position of special trust is hereby DENIED.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2017.

  
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Tom Rankin, Deputy Director of Operations  
Agency for Persons with Disabilities

#### **RIGHT TO APPEAL**

A party who is adversely affected by this final order is entitled to judicial review. To initiate judicial review, the party seeking it must file one copy of a "Notice of Appeal" with the Agency Clerk. The party seeking judicial review must also file another copy of the "Notice of Appeal," accompanied by the filing fee required by law, with the First District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee, Florida, or with the District Court of Appeal in the district where the party resides. Review proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The Notices must be filed within thirty (30) days of the rendition of this final order.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The date of the "rendition" of this Final Order is the date that is stamped on its first page. The Notices of Appeal must be received on or before the thirtieth day after that date.

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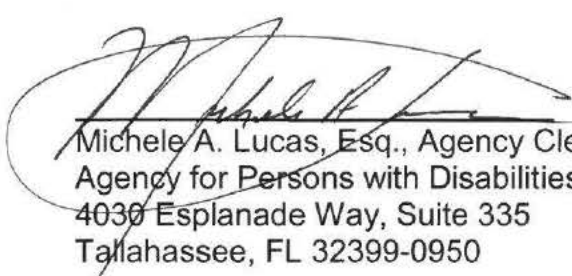
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of this Final Order was provided by U.S. Mail or electronic mail to the above-named individuals at the listed addresses this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

  
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