

**DISCLOSURE BY SPECIAL STATE EMPLOYEE
OF FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A STATE CONTRACT
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 7(d)**

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	SPECIAL STATE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of special state employee :	James Hasson
Put an X beside one statement.	I am a special state employee because: ☐ I serve in a state position for which no compensation is provided. ☒ I am not an elected official, and I earned compensation for fewer than 800 hours in the preceding 365-day period. ☒ By the classification of my position by my state agency or by the terms of a contract or my conditions of employment, I am permitted to have personal or private employment during normal business hours. ☐ I work for a company or organization which has a contract with a state agency, and I am a "key employee" because the contract identifies me by name or it is otherwise clear that the state is contracting for my services in particular, and the contract states that I am a special state employee or indicates that I meet one of the three requirements listed above.
Title/ Position	Part-Time Lecturer
Fill in this box if it applies to you.	If you are a special state employee because a state agency has contracted with your company or organization, please provide the name and address of the company or organization.
State Agency/ Department:	This is "my State Agency." University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Agency Address:	285 Old Westport Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02747
Office phone:	508-910-9867
Office e-mail:	spena4@umassd.edu
	Check one: ☐ Elected or ☒ Non-elected
Starting date as a special state employee.	1/26/26
BOX # 1 Select either STATEMENT #1 or STATEMENT #2 .	ELECTED SPECIAL STATE EMPLOYEE I am an elected special state employee. ☐ STATEMENT #1: I had a financial interest in a contract made by a state agency before I was elected to a compensated special state employee position. I will continue to have this financial interest in a state contract. ☐ STATEMENT #2: I will have a new financial interest in a contract made by a state agency. My financial interest in a contract made by a state agency is:

Write an X by your financial interest.	☐ A compensated, non-elected position with a state agency. ☐ A contract between a state agency and myself. ☐ A financial benefit or obligation because of a contract that a state agency has with another person or with a company or organization. ☐ Other work because a state agency has a contract with my company or organization and I am a "key employee" because the contract identifies me by name or it is otherwise clear that the state is contracting for my services in particular.
BOX #2 Select either STATEMENT #1 or STATEMENT #2. Write an X by your financial interest.	NON-ELECTED SPECIAL STATE EMPLOYEE I am a non-elected special state employee (compensated or uncompensated). ☐ STATEMENT #1: I had a financial interest in a contract made by a state agency, other than an employment contract, before I took a non-elected, compensated special state employee position. I will continue to have this financial interest in a state contract. My financial interest in a contract made by a state agency is: ☐ A contract between a state agency and myself, but not an employment contract. ☐ A financial benefit or obligation because of a contract that a state agency has with another person or with a company or organization. OR ☒ STATEMENT #2: I will have a new financial interest in a contract made by a state agency. My financial interest in a contract made by a state agency is: ☐ A compensated, non-elected position with a state agency. ☐ A contract between a state agency and myself. ☐ A financial benefit or obligation because of a contract that a state agency has with another person or with a company or organization. ☒ Other work because a state agency has a contract with my company or organization and I am a "key employee" because the contract identifies me by name or it is otherwise clear that the state is contracting for my services in particular.
	FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A STATE CONTRACT
Name and address of state agency that made the contract	This is the "contracting agency." Committee for Public Counsel Services 75 Federal Street, 6th Floor Boston, MA 02110
Write an X to confirm this statement.	☒ In my work as a special state employee for my State Agency, I do not participate in or have official responsibility for any of the activities of the contracting agency.
FILL IN THIS BOX OR THE NEXT BOX	ANSWER THE QUESTION IN THIS BOX IF THE CONTRACT IS BETWEEN THE STATE AGENCY AND YOU. - Please explain what the contract is for.
	ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN THIS BOX IF THE CONTRACT IS BETWEEN THE STATE AGENCY AND ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY - Please identify the person or entity that has the contract with the state agency. - What is your relationship to the person or entity? - What is the contract for? (see next page for complete response)

	I am a staff attorney for non-profit legal services organization, South Coastal Counties Legal Services Inc. Our organization provides legal representation to community members who are not able to afford a lawyer and we fund our work through government contracts and grants. The Committee for Public Counsel Services has contracted with South Coastal Counties Legal Services Inc. and myself as a key employee for me to provide legal representation for community members subject to Guardianship and Conservatorship petitions (legal cases where a third party seeks to have a court give them legal decision making power over another person). Under the terms of the agreement, I will defend these people in court and the Committee for Public Counsel Services will pay our non-profit an hourly rate (which has been set by the legislature). This past Spring Semester I was a Part-Time Lecturer at UMass Dartmouth teaching a single online course on business law to undergraduates. I am waiting to receive word from University administrators whether they want me to continue to teach this course in the Fall Semester. I am not involved in any research at UMass Dartmouth. My teaching has no relation to the work I do at South Coastal Counties Legal Services Inc. and my teaching has no relation to this contract with the Committee for Public Counsel Services for me to perform Guardianship and Conservatorship defense services.
What is your financial interest in the state contract?	- Please explain the financial interest and include the dollar amount if you know it. I personally will not receive any of the funds from the state. The funds will go to the non-profit that I work for, South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. The non-profit pays me an annual salary which does not depend on whether we provide services to the Commonwealth or not. The current rate is \$75/hr. There is no guaranteed amount of work hours that will be assigned to me.
Date when you acquired the financial interest	My application to become a state vendor for these Guardianship and Conservatorship defense services received preliminary approval on 6/10/26.
What is the financial interest of your immediate family?	- Please explain the financial interest and include the dollar amount if you know it. None.
Date when your immediate family acquired the financial interest	None.
Employee signature:	 James Hasson
Date:	6/17/26

Attach additional pages if necessary.

File your completed, signed Disclosure with:
State Ethics Commission, One Ashburton Place, Room 619, Boston, MA 02108