

## LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name ☒ Organization/Lobbying Firm ☐ Self Employed Individual

**THE MITCHELL FIRM, INC.**

2. Address ☐ Check if different than previously reported

Address1 **42020 VILLAGE CENTER PLAZA** Address2 **SUITE 120-200**  
City **STONE RIDGE** State **VA** Zip Code **20105** - Country **USA**

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

City **Chantilly** State **VA** Zip Code **20152** - Country **USA**

4a. Contact Name

**GREG MITCHELL**

b. Telephone Number

☐ International Number

(202) 669-4065

c. E-mail

**info@themitchellfirm.com**

5. Senate ID#

**91650-12**

7. Client Name

☐ Self

☐ Check if client is a state or local government or instrumentality

**CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL**

6. House ID#

**368070000**

### TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year **2009**

Q1 (1/1 - 3/31) ☐

Q2 (4/1 - 6/30) ☒

Q3 (7/1-9/30) ☐

Q4 (10/1 - 12/31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐ Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_

11. No Lobbying Issue Activity ☐

### INCOME OR EXPENSES - YOU MUST complete either Line 12 or Line 13

#### 12. Lobbying

**INCOME** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☒ \$ **40,000.00**

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$10,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

#### 13. Organizations

**EXPENSE** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$5,000 ☐

\$5,000 or more ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### 14. REPORTING

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☐ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

Signature

Filed Electronically

Date

07/20/2009

Printed Name and Title **GREG MITCHELL, PRESIDENT**

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Add additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code

IMM

IMMIGRATION

(one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Worked with other members of an informal coalition of religious organizations to lobby for legislation to extend the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program beyond September 30, 2009. HR 2679, a bill to "extend certain immigration programs, and for other purposes," was introduced on June 3. Urged members of the House Committee on Appropriations to consider attaching the language of HR 2679 as an amendment to the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations bill.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. SENATE, Homeland Security - Dept of (DHS)

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

First Name	Last Name	Suffix	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Greg	Mitchell			<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above ☒ Check if None

Printed Name and Title GREG MITCHELL, PRESIDENT

Signed my client on to a group-sign on letter, along with other members of the informal coalition of religious organizations that are lobbying for legislation to extend the special immigrant nonminister religious worker program beyond September 30, that was sent to the Secretary of Homeland Security. As religious organizations that either use, or have constituencies that use the Religious Worker Visa Program (RWVP), the groups signed the letter to bring to the Secretary's attention a recent federal district court decision affecting the RWVP under a class action lawsuit. The Federal District Court for the Western District of Washington recently held that the current regulation, in effect since 2002, of excluding the concurrent filing of Form I-360, which is filed to qualify for the special immigrant religious worker category with the adjustment of status application, Form I-485 should be discontinued. The Court stated that United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) should not treat special immigrant religious workers differently than all other employment-based preference categories that are permitted to file the Form I-140 concurrently with the Form I-485. Ruiz-Diaz v. United States of America, Case 2:07-cv-01881-RSL (W.D.Wash)(2009); 2008 WL 2645495 (W.D. Wash.). The letter asked the Secretary to instruct the Department of Justice to let the Courts decision stand.

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FOR

FOREIGN RELATIONS

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Urged members of Congress to send a letter to the French Ambassador to the U.S., expressing concern about two threats to religious freedom in France: 1) talk of a new religious black list as a system of reference of the movements and practices" of minority religious groups, and 2) a December 2008 report to the Prime Minister, "Justice Facing Sectarian Abuses," recommended several repressive measures that, should they be enacted into law, would result in active discrimination against minority religious groups.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies ☐ Check if None

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

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Greg	Mitchell			<input type="checkbox"/>
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Printed Name and TitleGREG MITCHELL, PRESIDENT

Brought to the attention of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom all of the relevant information about these two threats to religious freedom in France.

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LAW

LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIME/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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16. Specific lobbying issues

Worked with other members of an informal working group to lobby for passage of S. 714, the National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2009. This is a bill to "establish the National Criminal Justice Commission." Arranged for the submission of written testimony in support of S. 714 by the President of Criminon International to a hearing on the bill held by the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies

☐ Check if None

U.S. SENATE, White House Office

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With several other members of a faith-based working group on criminal justice reform, met with the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and proposed the White House organize a national conference on creating a criminal justice system that reflects our nation's values.