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## Boston Globe Quotes Peter Martin in “Clerk magistrates who oversee court filings have paperwork problems of their own”

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The *Boston Globe* has quoted Peter Martin in “Clerk magistrates who oversee court filings have paperwork problems of their own.” The Association of Magistrates and Assistant Clerks, a private group that oversees the court officials, has repeatedly missed filing deadlines for annual reports, made thousands of dollars in campaign contributions in violation of its corporate charter, and never filled out required IRS forms.

Peter Martin, an attorney who advises nonprofits, said it is hard to know how serious the legal violations are without knowing more details, such as whether the organization has ever represented itself as a tax-exempt charity to potential donors and members.

“Without talking to them, it seems as if they are operating in a manner that is not entirely consistent with their organizational documents,” said Martin, a partner with Boston law firm Bowditch & Dewey.

But Martin said it’s surprising that an organization made up of so many legal professionals wouldn’t notice its paperwork issues – and potential irregularities.

“The lack of curiosity is startling to me,” Martin said.

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