

**MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**  
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Complaints

08-06: The Commission on Ethics ratified the Letter of Reprimand prepared by the Office of the Advocate in connection with Respondent City of Miami Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones not properly reporting the receipt of legal services valued at approximately \$46,000 during the time period of January 2006 through March 2007.

08-10: The Commission on Ethics accepted the Legal Sufficiency and Probable Cause stipulations from Respondent Rose Tydus, an Opa-Locka City Commissioner, who allegedly failed to comply with the financial disclosure rules contained in the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance by not disclosing earned income and by conducting business with a city vendor and not recusing herself when the vendor had a matter before the City Commission.

08-11: The Commission on Ethics found the retaliation claim made in a whistleblower complaint filed by former Public Health Trust employee Lisa Burton lacked sufficiency and dismissed the complaint due to the fact the complainant did not submit a written and signed complaint to the proper parties putting them on notice of her concerns.

08-12: The Commission on Ethics dismissed the complaint against Lobbyist Thierry Alet for failing to file a lobbyist expenditure report with the City of Miami Beach in connection with a VCA Grant presentation. The complaint was converted to a Lobbyist Appeal upon a showing that Respondent did in fact file an expenditure report, but it was untimely filed.

08-13: The Commission on Ethics found Probable Cause against Lovey Clayton, Florida City Zoning Board member, for allegedly failing to comply with the financial disclosure rules contained in the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

Opinions

08-28: The Commission on Ethics opined that a retired Chief Mechanical Inspector with the City of Miami Beach may contract with private clients who were issued building permits during his employment, but he may not appear before the City of Miami Beach to lobby on behalf of private clients for two years following his retirement.

08-24: The Commission on Ethics preliminarily opined that a newly-hired Construction Manager with the City of Miami's Capital Improvement and Transportation Department may engage in outside employment as the owner of a construction company and also serve as Miami-Dade County Code Enforcement hearing officer. Several safeguards were attached to the approval and additional information must be brought before the Ethics Commission at its next meeting before the final opinion is issued. The safeguards include: 1) His construction company will not apply for, nor be issued, building permits in the City of Miami; 2) Subcontractors of this company will not apply for, nor be issued building permits in the City of Miami for any projects associated with his company; 3) His company is prohibited from providing services to any client or contracting with any subcontractors currently engaged in construction for the City of Miami or anticipate engaging in construction for the City of Miami; 4) The requester must provide the Ethics Commission and the City of Miami with a list of all projects, subcontractors and clients on an annual basis; 6) The requester will recuse himself from hearing any cases involving companies

and individuals engaged in construction projects for the City of Miami and 7) The requester will not use any government resources to conduct his outside employment.

08-30: The Commission on Ethics opined that a County Commissioner may serve on the JESCA Board of Directors while JESCA receives funding from the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, as the commissioner does not have a financial interest regarding any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to the Homeless Trust. Moreover, the Board of County Commissioners does not have any decision-making authority concerning the award process for Supportive Housing providers or JESCA's funding from the Homeless Trust.

08-31: The Commission on Ethics opined that a prospective employee in the Real Estate Division of the county's General Services Administration, who will be hired primarily to negotiate real estate contracts for county projects, may serve as managing partner of Skyline Properties, a company formed to serve high-end residential developments, as long as the requester places his broker license in an inactive status. Further, the requester may receive commissions from prior sales which predated his employment with Miami-Dade County.