
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 3:51 PM
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Subject: FW: INQ - Ed Shohat, Attorney (Lobbying) 15-04

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 9:38 AM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ - Ed Shohat, Attorney (Lobbying)

Mr. Shohat, an attorney for former Town of Miami Lakes Mayor Michael Pizzi, inquired regarding whether he should register as a lobbyist in speaking before the Town Council regarding a pending lawsuit filed by Pizzi to regain his position as Mayor following his acquittal on federal criminal charges. He intends to attempt to persuade the Council not to defend the lawsuit and to reinstate Pizzi as Mayor. I advised him that, insofar as there is no pending quasi-judicial proceeding before the Town in which he is participating, and since the exception in Section 2-11.1(s)(1)(b) only exempts attorneys in such quasi-judicial settings, that he should register as a lobbyist before speaking on Pizzi's behalf.

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From: Shohat, Edward [<mailto:EShohat@joneswalker.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 7:37 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Mike Pizzi; David Reiner; Mr. Benedict P Kuehne; Ralf R. Rodriguez
Subject: Question

Joe, I am one of Mike Pizzi's lawyers. I plan to speak on his behalf during the Public Comment portion of today's special meeting of the Miami Lakes Town Council. Do I have to register as a lobbyist before doing so?

I hope all is well and wish you all the best. Ed

Sent from my iPhone