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Former prosecutor and civil attorney joins commission

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Radia Turay

A new staff attorney was introduced to the The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust March 9. Radia Turay has litigated as an associate with Kubicki Draper and served as an assistant state attorney and chief of the Juvenile Division of the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office.

Turay completed her undergraduate work at Spelman College in Atlanta and earned her Juris Doctorate at Syracuse University, where she also obtained a Master's degree in International Relations.

While attending Syracuse, the native of Sierra Leone worked as a researcher and writer on human rights issues, including war crimes, torture and the use of child soldiers, in support of the Prosecutor's Office for the Special Court of Sierra Leone. Her work assisted in the prosecution of individuals most responsible for perpetrating heinous crimes during the country's civil war.

"That experience helped solidify my commitment to public service," Turay said. "I am happy to be working in an environment at the Ethics Commission where serving the public good is the ultimate goal." In her current position, Turay will be involved in providing ethics opinions, overseeing investigations and community outreach.

"The Ethics Commission is honored to add Radia to its staff," said Executive Director Joseph Centorino. "She has strong legal skills, an exceptional commitment to public service and the mature ethical judgment we need in this agency. The county is lucky to have someone with her background, including her French language skills, in such a sensitive and important public position," he added.

Turay and her husband live in Miramar with their two young children.

The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education, outreach and enforcement, the commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.

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