

Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Carly Starkey, J.D. Candidate, UM Law School (Lobbyist Registration) INQ 17-27

INQ 17-27 Starkey

-----Original Message-----

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 4:22 PM
To: 'Starkey, Carly R' <cstarkey@students.law.miami.edu>
Cc: Kaiman, Catherine <ckaiman@law.miami.edu>; 7062eb047+matter1038374515@maildrop.clio.com; Turay, Radia (COE) <Radia.Turay@miamidade.gov>; Perez, Martha D. (COE) <perezmd@miamidade.gov>; Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <Gilma.Diaz-Greco@miamidade.gov>
Subject: INQ 17-27 Carly Starkey, J.D. Candidate, UM Law School (Lobbyist Registration)

Ms. Starkey:

You inquired concerning whether you and other students at UM, who are engaged in a legislative project with the Center for Ethics and Public Service at UM, may be involved in proposing and speaking on behalf of legislation at the City of Miami that was developed through your participation as a student at the UM Center. You have indicated that you and the other students involved in the project are not doing so as the representatives of any individual or organization intending to influence the legislative process. It is my opinion that, under these circumstances, you and each of the students involved in this project, would be appearing as individuals to express your views on this legislation before the City's legislative body. Under both the County Code of Ethics, Subsection 2-11.1(s)(3)(b), as well as the City of Miami Code, Section 2-653, a person appearing before the City Commission in his or her individual capacity for the purpose of self-representation, and without compensation or reimbursement from another person or entity, to express support of or opposition to an item, is not required to register as a lobbyist. Therefore, it is my opinion that you and you fellow students need not register as lobbyists to introduce and speak on behalf of the legislation before the Commission.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

Joseph M. Centorino
Executive Director and General Counsel
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
19 W. Flagler Street, Suite 820
Miami, FL 33130
Tel: (305) 579-2594
Fax: (305) 579-0273
ethics.miamidade.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Starkey, Carly R [mailto:cstarkey@students.law.miami.edu]

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 3:09 PM

To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>

Cc: Kaiman, Catherine <ckaiman@law.miami.edu>; 7062eb047+matter1038374515@maildrop.clio.com

Subject: Follow-up regarding Lobbying requirement

Mr. Centorino,

I wanted to follow-up with you in regards to our phone conversation the other day. Can you confirm for me that, in your opinion, we as students at the University of Miami's Center for Ethics and Public Service do not need to register as lobbyists to introduce legislation at the City of Miami on our own behalf, where not for money or for a specific individual or organization?

Thank you for your time.

Carly

Carly Starkey, MSW

J.D. Candidate, UM Law School

Miami Public Interest Scholar

Environmental Justice Clinic Intern