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## Lawrence A. Schwartz Appointed to Serve Additional Term as Commissioner of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust

**Miami (August 26, 2021)** Judge Lawrence A. Schwartz (Ret.) has been reappointed by the Honorable Nushin G. Sayfie, Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Miami-Dade County, to serve an additional term as Commissioner of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (COE). Judge Schwartz was originally appointed to serve on the COE by Chief Circuit Court Judge, Joel Brown, in January 2013, shortly after his retirement from the bench.

Judge Lawrence A. Schwartz won election to the County Court in 1991 and subsequently sat on the Circuit Court after his appointment by Governor Lawton Chiles in 1997. He received an Associate's Degree from Dade County Junior College, a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Oklahoma and a Master's Degree in Education from Florida Atlantic University. He then taught sixth grade for five years at Lake Stevens Elementary in Carol City.

After earning his Juris Doctorate from the University of the Pacific, Judge Schwartz became a Deputy District Attorney in Sacramento, California, for a dozen years. The Miami Beach native returned home in 1987 to work as an Assistant State Attorney in the 11th Judicial Circuit prosecuting economic crimes, before ascending to the Bench.

"It is with great pleasure to see that Judge Larry Schwartz has been reappointed to serve another term as commissioner on the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust by our Chief Judge Nushin Sayfie," commented COE Chairman Nelson Bellido. "We truly appreciate his decades of public service as a judge and his dedication to the Ethics Commission. He is a great public servant and I am honored to continue to serve with him on the Commission."

*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 training, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to bolster public trust.*