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The Mayor of Doral, who is an attorney, wants to know whether he is prohibited from representing a client whose interests may be adverse to those of a developer (Codina Group) who does business in Doral. I advised the Mayor that the Conflict of Interest Ordinance would not prohibit the Mayor from having private clients who might have disputes with other individuals or private firms, even when these firms appear before the City Council. With respect to quasi-judicial matters, the Mayor needs to ensure that he treats all parties objectively, including the Codina Group, if and when the Codina group appears before the City Council. To the extent to which he becomes privy to confidential information due to his dealings with Codina on behalf of his client, he cannot disclose such information in the course of his public duties. Finally, if his client were to file a lawsuit against Codina and Codina appeared before the City on a matter related to the lawsuit, then the Mayor ought to recuse himself.

Robert Meyers
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