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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2006 4:55 PM
To: 'Rubin, Alan'
Subject: RE: Scanned Document

Mr. Rubin,

This is to confirm we had a conversation earlier in the day concerning your service to Miami-Dade County as a member of the General Obligations Bond Board Committee and the real possibility that one of your law firm's clients may receive grant money from the County. You stated to me that your committee will be involved in the process, as it has the responsibility to make funding recommendations to the Board of County Commission for those firms/agencies that seek grant monies that are part of the General Obligations Bond Program. You and I agree that you should not participate in or vote on the application/request of your firm's client that will come before your committee. The remaining question is whether the conflict with respect to this potential grantee bars you from continuing to sit on this committee.

I find that recusing yourself when your law firm's client appears before the committee is sufficient to comply with the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. A conflict with one potential grantee does not warrant resigning from a county board/committee. Therefore, you have the legal right to remain on this committee.

If you wish to discuss in greater detail, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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

From: Rubin, Alan [mailto:Alan.Rubin@akerman.com]
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2006 11:57 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: Scanned Document

Robert,

Thank you in advance for your consideration

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

From: Alan.Rubin@akerman.com [mailto:Alan.Rubin@akerman.com]
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VIA FAX 305 579-0273 AND U.S. MAIL

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Miami Dade County Committee on Ethics and Public Trust
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Miami, FL 33130

Dear Mr. Meyers:

I sit on Miami-Dade County's General Obligations Bond Board Committee and would like to know the policy when a client of my law firm, Akerman Senterfitt, comes before the Board for the purpose of receiving grant monies.

I would like the response to two potential scenarios: the grantee is a client of mine or the grantee is a client of the firm and I derive no remuneration from that client.

Additionally, I am not a shareholder nor do I participate in the firm's end of year profits.

Sincerely,

AKERMAN SENTERFITT



Alan Rubin
Governmental Consultant