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March 8, 1999

[REDACTED]
President
Dolphin Tile Setting and Painting
10200 S.W. 6th Street
Miami, FL 33174

RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION RQO 99-08

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on March 4, 1999 and rendered its decision based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an advisory opinion regarding your ability to contract with the county because your sons are county employees.

In your letter, you advised us that your son, [REDACTED] works as a collection representative at the airport and your son, [REDACTED] works as a graphic technician for the Water and Sewer Department. You would like to contract with the county to provide tile setting services.

The Commission found that the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance prohibits you from contracting with the county to provide tile setting services. Section 2-11.1(d) of the Dade County Code provides that no person included in categories (b)(1) through (b)(6) shall enter into any contract or transact any business

through a firm, corporation, partnership or business entity in which he or any member of his immediate family has a controlling financial interest, direct or indirect, with Dade County or any person or agency acting for Dade County and any such contract, agreement or business engagement entered in violation of this subsection shall render the transaction voidable. An immediate family member is defined in the ordinance as the spouse, parents or children of the person involved. Since your sons are county employees, you may not contract with the county.

Therefore, the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance prohibits you from contracting with the county to provide tile setting services.

If you have any questions regarding the opinion, please call Robert Meyers, Executive Director at (305) 579-2954 or Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel at (305) 579-2653.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Meyers", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

ROBERT MEYERS
Executive Director